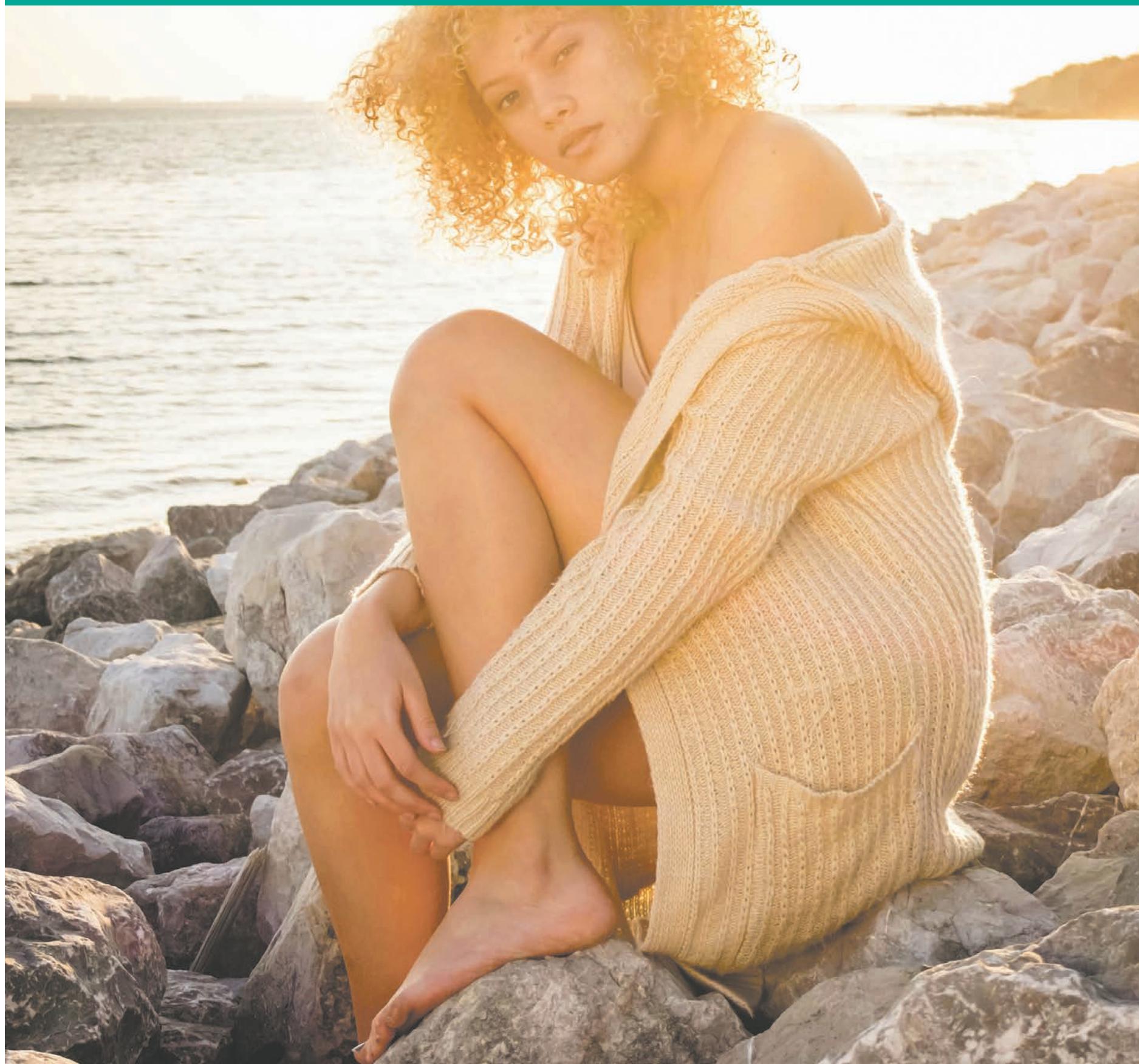


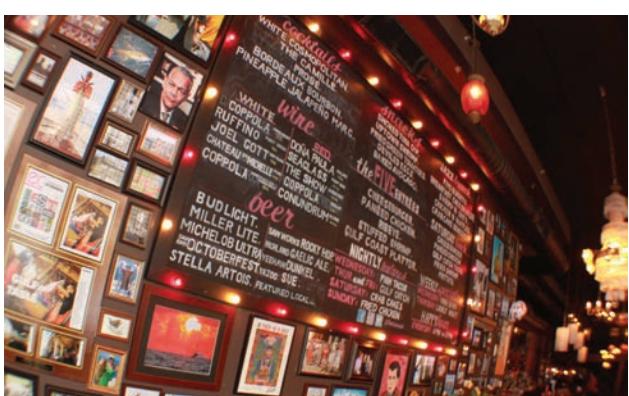
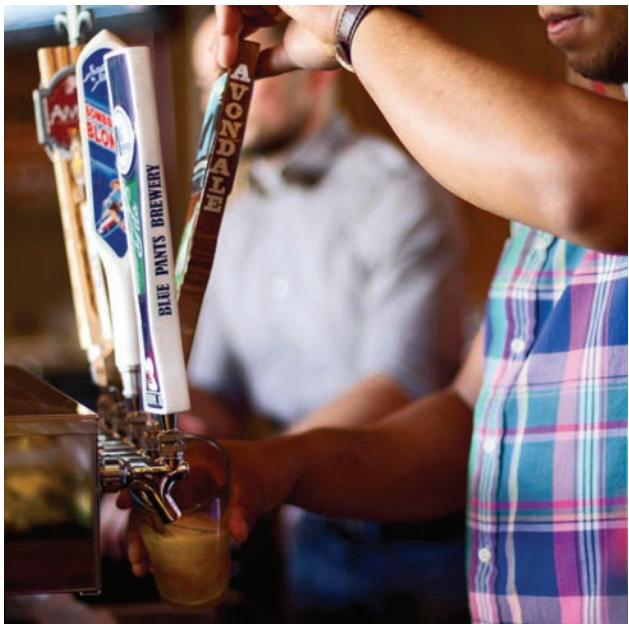
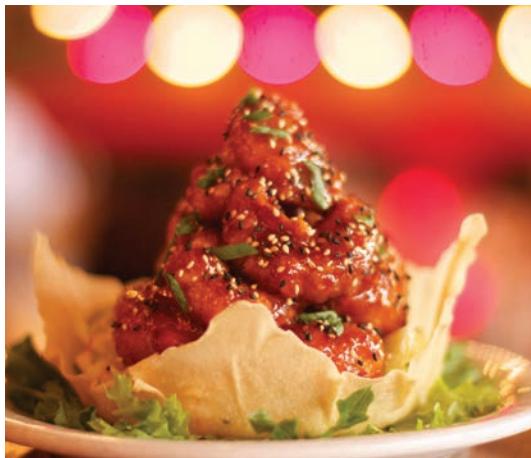
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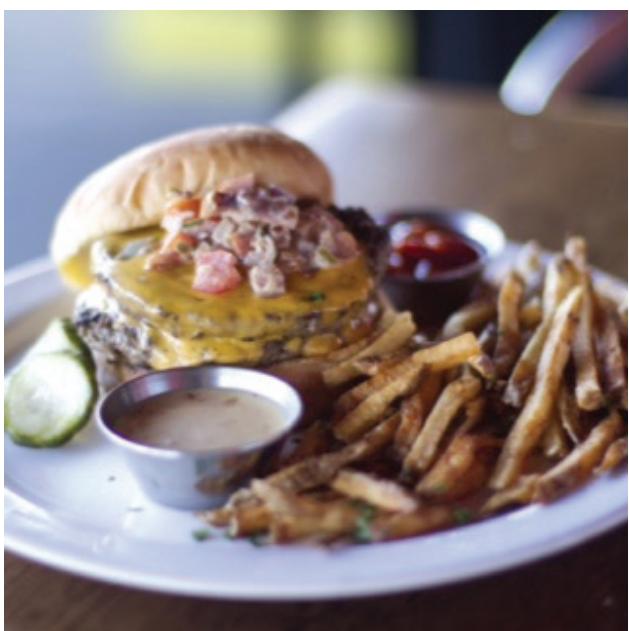
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## Opening Remarks

# On Turning 50

Since we last talked, I turned 50.

Ouch.

My brother visited from Kentucky during Birthday Week, along with his wife and a pair of adolescent girls that stared at their smartphones almost as much as the old farts I hang with look at theirs. I'm still not sure who those kids belonged to.

It rained hard most of the week, but my brother and his posse managed to get a beach day in, as well as a bike ride along Scenic Highway 30A. I took them to the new Graffiti & Funky Blues Shack the first night they were here, which happened to be Matt McCarty's Jazz Jam night. (Told you I'd make it out one of these nights, Matt.)

On my birthday proper, we—along with my mother and sister—enjoyed dinner at Boshamps here in beautiful (when it's not monsooning) Destin. I had the lobster macaroni and cheese, because there's nothing I like more than our locally caught Gulf lobster. And a few too many Johnnie Walker Black and sodas, but not too many, because I didn't die.

The next night, the Manson and Hilton clans gathered at La Paz for a full-on celebration where we were joined by various friends, party crashers and complete strangers. Paula somehow managed to put together a wonderful slide show without me knowing. Still, I had always hoped those photos of Young Chris would never make it to digital format.

My mother still has a copy of my junior high school era *Mad* magazine ripoff that she's threatening to release to the public if I do anything to piss her off. Which is why I'm always happy to help her move furniture at 3 a.m.



Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson (the one with the giant head) hanging with the cool kids at this year's Okaloosa RevFest in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. Event highlights from our fearless music correspondent on page 14, along with about a dozen more pics of Melissa Joiner on page 12.

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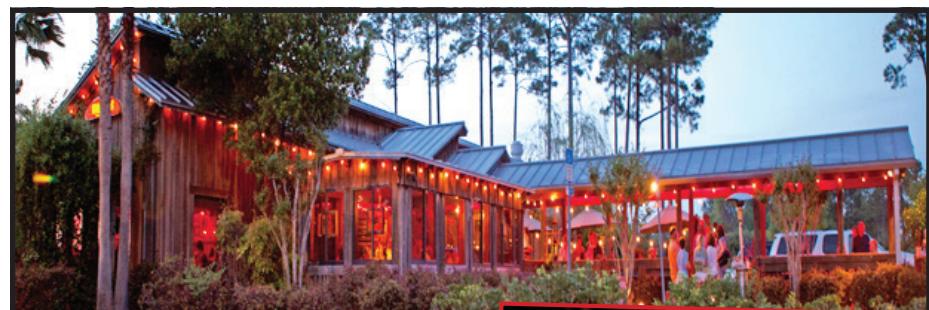
**Nikki Hedrick** ("#ICYMI – Okaloosa RevFest"), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer, longtime *Beachcomber* contributor and co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment. She has already failed in her 2017 New Year's resolution to get to the beach more than once a month.

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## Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Anyway, back to the party. The Act4Murder gang (see Upcoming Shows, page 33) chipped in and gifted me a bottle of Johnnie Walker Blue Label, which I have yet to crack open. It's been two weeks, and that baffles me. I know I'm not losing my mind, because I still kick Kindle Fire's ass in Scrabble (Intermediate level, Best Word option disabled).

Perhaps I'll treat myself now, since the new issue of *Beachcomber* is in the can. That's definitely cause to celebrate.

In other As I Begin My Sixth Decade as a Man news...

I joined the Feel Good Naked gym down the street from our house, not because I was feeling any worse at 50 than I did at 49, but because there are a few tiny parts of my body (don't go there) that haven't gone to shit yet and why take a chance. On my first visit, I tried all the machines and rode the stationary bike for an exhausting four or five minutes.

I plan to return soon, because I left my headphones there.

- Chris

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# Gulfarium Provides Financial Support for Endangered Porpoises

**Without action, the** world's smallest porpoise, the vaquita, is facing imminent extinction. Fewer than 30 remain on the planet. An emergency action plan has been developed by the Consortium for Vaquita Conservation, Protection and Rescue.

Representatives from Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park were briefed in late February of the plans to help save this marine mammal species from extinction. Since then, the Gulfarium has donated \$5,000 to the Vaquita CPR project, and provided critical expertise to the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks & Aquariums' (AMMPA) campaign efforts to help spread awareness and assist in raising emergency funds.

The Gulfarium is accredited through the AMMPA, an international organization dedicated to the conservation of marine mammals. A majority of the AMMPA's cetacean leaders are within the United States, and these leading organizations are taking bold action to help save this marine mammal species.

Funds raised for this project will be utilized to rescue the remaining vaquita from their dangerous environment and relocate them to a safe haven in the northern Gulf of California. The vaquita are facing extinction due to illegal fishing and use of gillnets.

To learn more about this issue please visit [www.AMMPA.org/vaquita](http://www.AMMPA.org/vaquita).

- Meredith Horn

## Fort Walton Beach to Allow Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

**On March 28,** the Fort Walton Beach City Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance that will make medical marijuana dispensaries a permitted use in certain zoning districts of the city.

Ordinance 1972 amends the City's Land Development Code to allow and set standards for medical marijuana dispensaries in commercial and mixed-use zoning districts. Among the standards listed are a minimum distance requirement from school buildings and a limit of one licensed dispensary for every 10,000 residents.

"Medical marijuana was supported by the majority of Florida voters, and it's coming," says City Manager **Michael Beedie**. "We want to send the message that we've done the research and that we want to be at the table as the state moves forward with legislation. We will be the only

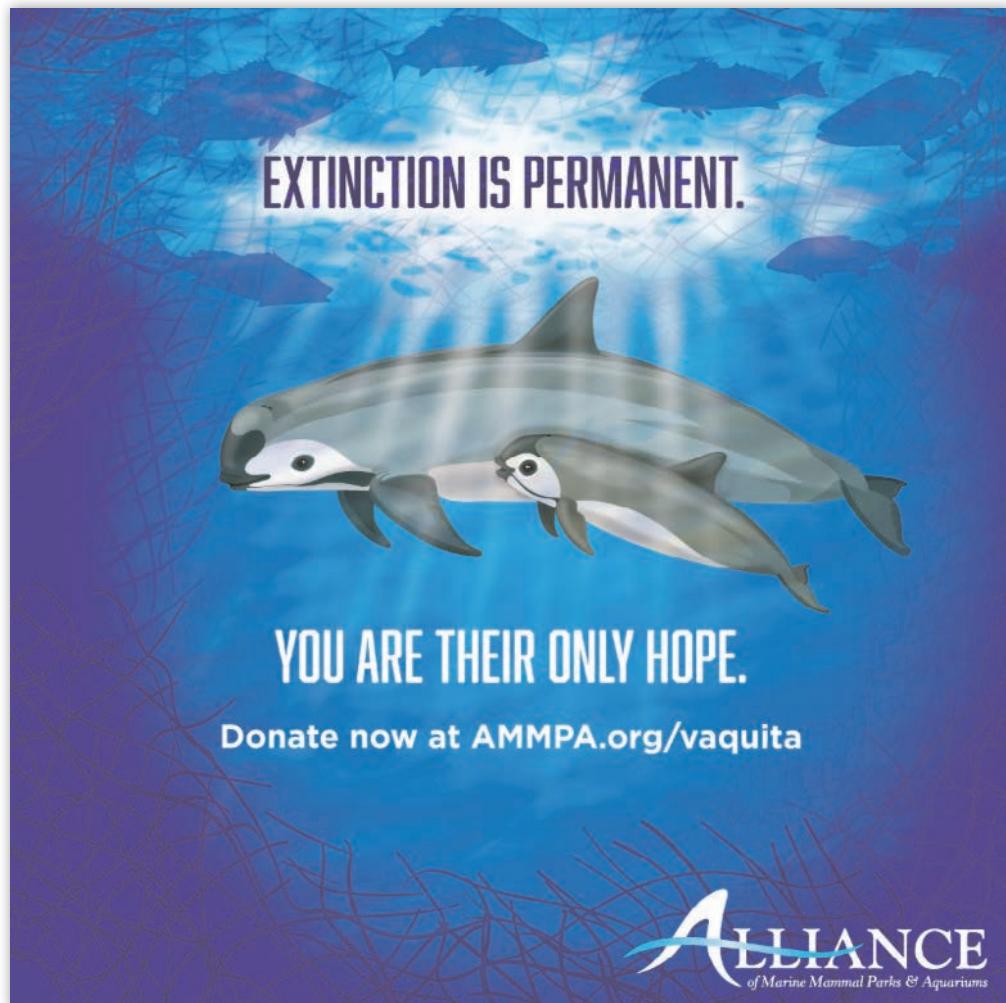
city in Okaloosa County that hasn't done a moratorium."

The ordinance was developed and passed in response to Amendment 2 to the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014, which over 71% of voters favored in the November 2016 election. Amendment 2 broadens the allowable use of medical marijuana for debilitating conditions.

When asked if the new ordinance opens the door to discussions of recreational use, the City Manager clarified that there is no provision for recreational use within the ordinance and that the current focus is solely on the research and implementation for medical needs.

"Right now, we're only addressing medical use," says Beedie. "We're not even going to talk about recreational use until it gets brought up on a ballot."

- Joanna Soria



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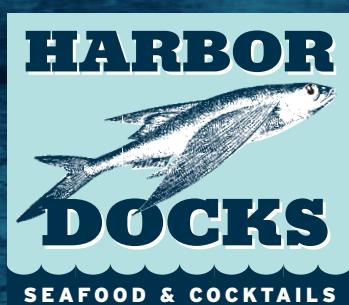
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Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as "fresh" and imported seafood is sold as "local." According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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# New “Stand Your Ground” Rules Offer Creative Opportunities for Defendants

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

**Gun-toting criminals** and their defense lawyers will soon have much to celebrate, thanks to the Florida Legislature and the National Rifle Association.

Florida’s “stand your ground” law is being rewritten in a way that will make it easier to shoot somebody and beat the rap. Gang members might as well pop the champagne cork now, because it’s practically a done deal in Tallahassee.

At the direction of the NRA, Republican lawmakers are changing the procedure in “stand your ground” hearings so that defendants no longer will have to show a judge they acted in self-defense.

The burden will shift to prosecutors, who’ll be forced to show the shooter did not feel his life was in danger when he pulled the trigger.

Conservative lawmakers say this change will save honest armed citizens from being put on trial for protecting themselves—as if there’s an epidemic of such unjust prosecutions. In fact, charges are rarely filed in legitimate instances of self-defense.

The new “stand your ground” rules will offer fabulous creative opportunities for defendants in myriad scenarios. The law applies not just to firearms cases but to all sorts of assaults.

Make up any story that fits your crime, and then sit back while prosecutors try to prove you weren’t really afraid for your life.

An angry husband who stabs his wife to death can say he thought she was reaching for the knife first. Why not?

A badass busted in a bloody street shootout can say he fired his AK because he feared the other guy would

shoot him. Split-second survival decision, right?

The problem isn’t that prosecutors can’t win those kinds of B.S. cases, because they can. But the “stand your ground” rewrite will make it much harder and costlier.

Prosecutors would basically have to present their cases twice—first, at the “stand your ground” hearing in front of the judge, and then at the jury trial.

Under the Legislature’s proposed changes, defendants would no longer have to testify or give evidence at the initial hearing. That means anybody arrested for a shooting—or even a misdemeanor battery—can claim a “stand your ground” defense with no fear of cross-examination, and no legal risk.

The Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association predicts a nightmare logjam of frivolous cases that will cost taxpayers millions of dollars, dilute already-stressed resources and jeopardize the outcomes of important felony cases.

Phil Archer, state attorney for Brevard and Seminole counties, told *The New York Times* that only four “stand your ground” hearings were held in his circuit last year. He predicted 4,000 hearings next year, if the rewrite gets passed.

The ensuing trial delays would be a gift for defense attorneys, because witnesses often get cold feet or have shaky memories.

It’s ironic that the NRA, which promotes itself as a law-and-order lobby, would initiate legislation so outrageously beneficial to criminals, and so damaging to law enforcement.

For example, the Senate version of the “stand your ground” rewrite requires a prosecutor at the pretrial hearing

to show “beyond a reasonable doubt” that a defendant wasn’t really acting in self-defense and doesn’t deserve immunity.

No other state with a “stand your ground” law holds prosecutors to such severe standards even before a trial date is set. The NRA stooge pushing this idea is Sen. Rob Bradley, a Republican from the mean streets of Fleming Island, Florida, one of the wealthiest zip codes in the greater Jacksonville area.

Gang violence isn’t a huge problem in Fleming Island, so perhaps Bradley fails to grasp the difficulties facing police and prosecutors in less tranquil parts of Florida. The House version of the “stand your ground” rewrite is slightly less rigid, calling for the state to present “clear and convincing evidence” of a crime at the pretrial hearing. Defendants would make a “prima facie claim” they were standing their ground, but still wouldn’t be required to testify or provide evidence.

In a sane and sensible place, politicians listen to prosecutors because the job of prosecutors is putting bad guys in prison. In a sane and sensible place, lawmakers wouldn’t dream of passing a law that would stall felony trials, clog up the courts, reduce the number of successful prosecutions and hand bad guys a new courtroom ploy.

But, of course, this isn’t a sane and sensible place.

Once lawmakers approve the final draft of the new “stand your ground” law, Gov. Rick Scott is likely to sign it, giving comedians yet another free punch line about gun-crazy Florida.

It’s only funny if you don’t live in the state.

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# Dangerous Breeds

By Kimberly White

*"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."*

- Unknown

I've been thinking a lot lately about the so-called "dangerous breeds" of dogs. A young girl was bitten in Wright last month by a pit bull running loose in the neighborhood; that incident followed the gruesome mauling of another little girl and her mother in Crestview. And earlier this month, two pit bulls attacked and killed an 82-year-old woman and her dog in Oklahoma City.

I'm pretty neutral about pit bulls. I've never owned one, never witnessed an attack and don't know anyone who's been a victim. But my indifference toward pit bulls is tempered by the fact that I also own one of the top "dangerous breeds."

I was raised in a German shepherd family—my parents got their first before I was even born, so I think of them more as babysitters and playmates than as fearsome killing machines. When I look at it objectively, I can understand why pit bulls, German shepherds, Rottweilers and similar breeds are seen as inherently aggressive. I also agree with the much-touted phrase, "There are no bad dogs, just bad owners."

But only to a degree, because it doesn't take into account one factor over which owners have no control—genetics.

I don't know much about pit bulls other than they were originally bred for blood sports, in which they bit and held bulls and other large animals around the face and head. But I do know they and the other "dangerous breeds" are driven by instincts that were genetically tailored for those dogs' specific purposes.

For example, German Shepherd Dogs (their formal name) were bred in the late 1800s to act as a "living fence," basically by patrolling a designated area to protect the sheep that were grazing there and keep everything else out. This genetic heritage means GSDs tend to be territorial and protective, which can lead to what many view as aggressiveness. But combined with their other well-known traits—namely strength, intelligence and loyalty—these qualities are precisely what makes them a great fit for law enforcement and the military.

They're also one of the most versatile breeds, working as guides for the blind, search-and-rescue operations, detecting seizures, therapy dogs; they can be trained to do pretty much anything. But for those unfamiliar with GSDs and other "aggressive breeds," all they know are the hair-raising images and clips they've seen and stories they've read.

Our German shepherd Xena is now two-and-a-half years old. We brought

her home when she was just eight weeks old. We know she comes from show line stock, which means she doesn't have that intense, high drive that characterizes working line German shepherds. They're great for law enforcement and military purposes, but a little too much GSD for a relatively laid-back family like ours.

We also know her grandfather was a two-time Sieger champion—the German equivalent of winning the U.S. Westminster Dog Show—and I bring this up only because of its implications for Xena's health and temperament. It means she is virtually guaranteed never to suffer from the hip dysplasia that notoriously plagues GSDs, and that while she is territorial and protective, she's also smart, easy to train, extremely affectionate and obedient.

Starting from her very first day with us, I spent as much time with her as possible to create and strengthen our bond—going for long walks, throwing balls and Frisbees, and taking her everywhere I went so she'd be exposed to all different kinds of environments. I knew cementing that bond meant she'd understand that I'm in charge, and that she'd listen when I issue commands.

Which brings me back to my earlier point about owner responsibility. Not everyone has the advantage of knowing his or her dog's bloodline or personal history. But being a responsible pet

owner is more than just picking up after your dog, feeding them and giving them water. It also involves time and money for ongoing training. It's especially important for breeds like pit bulls and German shepherds in order to curb their impulses to fight and/or protect, which can come on suddenly and seemingly without provocation.

When Rumor the German shepherd won Best in Show at Westminster back in February, my pride was almost immediately overshadowed by fear. I was afraid her win would result in a sudden spike in demand for German shepherds, many of which would ultimately end up in shelters because the new owners knew little to nothing about them other than what they saw at Westminster.

You don't just go out and pick out a pit bull or a German shepherd because it's so damn cute or because you were blown away by its heroics on the big screen, and then blame the dog because you don't know the breed. Every day, they and other "dangerous breeds" that did nothing wrong are euthanized or turned over to shelters just because they had the bad luck to end up with ignorant owners.

If you want a large, powerful dog, but you're not willing to put in the time to do your research, then socialize and train, train, train—do yourself, the public and most importantly your potential new dog a favor and get a goldfish.

# The Beach Masters Are Coming!

By Wynn Parks

**The Beach Masters** are coming. They call themselves A Better Walton County, and they want to make Walton County a whole lot better. They want to incorporate the south part of the county and "develop" it.

Sounds wonderful, but did anybody ever notice how corporate people always substitute "development" for "speculation"? Some of us must have noticed, because the March 2017 issue of *SoWal Life* reports that the incorporation scheme—even with the collaboration of both the County Commissioners and the Tourist Development Council—met with enough resistance to send our "betterers" into a tactical withdrawal on the issue.

But don't imagine Walton County Minutemen are dancing on the grave of unrestrained exploitation. The article goes on to quote the ABWC Beach Masters as promising to be back again

next year...and from past experience, as long as it takes to wear down the opposition with meetings, propaganda and legal maneuvers which they alone can afford.

So unless Walton County looks ahead and decides how much is enough, what happens to the entire south of Walton County will be a repeat, on a whole lot larger scale, of the way we've seen the creeping privatization of local beaches go. Heaven forbid that those who ignore history should end up repeating it.

Controversy about beach protocols was already fulminating for a while, when the issue literally took flame on the front page of the January 1993 *Walton Log*—a photo of a ritzy condo's beach pavilion engulfed in flames entitled "Officials say fires on beach suspicious."

The South Walton Fire Department had the fire out by midnight, but the firefighters barely had time to take their boots off before they got called

to douse it, yet again, at 6 a.m. The condo manager admitted the pavilion and connecting beach over walk had been items of "much controversy" that summer, adding, "I can't say that's why (there was a fire there)."

Kind of a *duh* moment considering the surrounding community's intense, widespread resentment of the pavilion, which violated a prohibition against building on the first line of dunes. The outcome of the torching? "Condo-corps" rebuilds the facilities, pays a \$5,000 fine, and the pavilion stays. Small price to pay for setting a lucrative precedent.

Fast forward to the present. Commercial and private money have already succeeded in bulldozing their claims to the beaches right through community resistance, though magnanimously allowing the public to "traverse their private beaches, sit and sunbathe on them, plus fish, swim, or surf off their private beaches."

These days a major portion of Santa Rosa Beach's "dry sand beaches" are claimed by various Beach Masters who lust to jam the county stem to stern with projects to max out Walton as their own private cash cow.

But wait—there's more! As of April 1, *SoWal Life* announced that the "Society of Beach Masters" have "enhanced" the "Customary Use" ordinance, prohibiting alcohol, animals, umbrellas, tents and possession of fireworks?

So with the beach, so with South Walton...unless we recognize that what is a unique and lovely place to live isn't an infinite resource. It's surely not a question of jamming in more infrastructure. It's about more taxes and more regulations. It's about monetizing every square inch of South Walton until somewhere along the line the bubble bursts, leaving nothing but a flaccid, blousy tourist ghetto sucked dry of its grace and regional identity.

# Meanwhile, Over at the Arts and Design Society...

*Big thanks to ADSO's Tuny Jennings for sending photos of recent winners in the Fort Walton Beach organization's exhibitions. Discover more at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org). Photos by Tera Fujan and Rick Otoupalik.*

## 18th Annual Photography and Digital Arts Exhibition



Ian Fagan was the Best of Show winner for "Whidbey Island." He's represented here by proud father Michael Fagan.

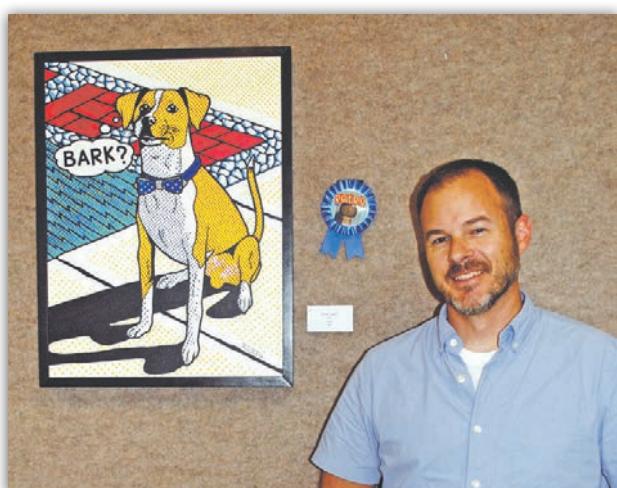


Harri Hotti's "Mirror" won the Eugene L. Rybicki Memorial Award, as well as first place in the Animal division. Hotti also took first place in the People division with his photograph "Choice."



Ann Forrester presents Bernadette Sims with the Lawson Forrester Memorial Award for "Afterglow." Sims also picked up an Honorable Mention in Digital Art.

## Retro Time Warp Show



Michael Lunsford with first place winner "Bark."



Second place winner Sue Brooks with "Peace."



Reg Moore, represented by his granddaughter, took third place with "Layla (Eric Clapton)."

## 58th Annual Beaux Arts Exhibition



Heather Clements with her Best of Show winning oil painting "Unity II."



The ADSO Brad Greek Award went to Linda Kernick's mixed media "Man Walking in Prague."



Marcy Eady's "Thanks for Carrying Me" took first place in the Beaux Arts Exhibition.

## ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**AMUSE ART STUDIO**, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

**ARTFUL THINGS**, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

**Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady**, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. [rosalynogrady.com](http://rosalynogrady.com).

**Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger**, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery**, Fort Walton Beach. More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio**, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10

for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12**, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

**Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

**Tuesdays. Open Studio**, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

**Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell**, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is \$85 per month (\$70 for ADSO members).



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**Fridays. Open Studio**, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

**April 22. Making Pastels with Larry Lou Foster**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. An introduction to the methods and materials in which students make "conte" and witness demonstrations on making toned colored paper for pastel drawings. Cost is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). Visit the ADSO website for supply list and signup.

**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS**, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for more info.

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY**, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit [fullcirclefbw.com](http://fullcirclefbw.com) for more info.

**Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte**, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

**THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton**, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at [ShardShop.com](http://ShardShop.com) or call 850-231-0544.

## ART EVENTS

### THROUGH APRIL 22. SIXTH ANNUAL ROSEMARY BEACH FOUNDATION MUSIC IN PICTURES

The arts in education initiative and juried art contest celebrates the music of Leo Delibes, Igor Stravinsky, Astor Piazzolla, Aaron Copland and Phillip Glass. Over 4,000 students from 17 Walton County schools listened to and visually interpreted classical music, and 403 paintings are on display at Amavida Coffee in Rosemary Beach, the Walton County Coastal Library in Santa Rosa Beach, and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast in Miramar Beach. Learn more at [rosemarybeachfoundation.org](http://rosemarybeachfoundation.org).

### THROUGH APRIL 28. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) 18TH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL ARTS EXHIBITION AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

For more info, call 850-244-1271 or visit [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

### THROUGH APRIL 28. PHILLIP BOYCE EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY

Local artist Boyce attended Niceville High School and earned degrees from Northwest Florida State College and the University of West Florida. "My main objective with art is to present something new to the area," says the artist. "Focusing less on replicating what makes the area beautiful, and letting it inspire how my work comes out. I aim to inspire, to make people think, smile, relate and call upon their own experience and emotions." More at [phillipboyce.squarespace.com](http://phillipboyce.squarespace.com).

### THROUGH APRIL 30. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month's spotlight falls on the students of clay artists **Pat Basque** and **Sherry Cooler**.

### THROUGH APRIL 30. ARTIST OF THE MONTH BENITA TUCKER AT HH ARTS,

## FORT WALTON BEACH

Tucker has been painting for years, but this is her first time displaying in a gallery. She lives in Fort Walton Beach, but Tucker and her husband are on the board of Pink Pirates of Navarre. This year, she's donating 10 percent of her art proceeds to breast cancer research. Call 850-218-2155 for more info.

### THROUGH APRIL 30. ARNIE HART JURIED STUDENT EXHIBITION AT MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, NICEVILLE

The best works—displayed in the McIlroy Gallery—will be awarded cash prizes totaling \$1,500. Meanwhile, check out the work of NWFSC art faculty in the Holzhauer Gallery. Call 850-729-6044 or email [ArtGalleries@nwfsc.edu](mailto:ArtGalleries@nwfsc.edu) for more info.

### APRIL 20. ADSO PHOTO CLUB MEETING AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Join **Dale Palmer** at 7 p.m. for a discussion of close-up macro photography. Call 850-244-1271 or visit [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org) for more info.

### APRIL 26. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Join award-winning artist **Carol Ann Cain**, whose acrylic paintings of Boggy landscapes are inspired by "fragments of the woods that appear chaotic." Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., and cost is \$12 if you make your reservations by Monday, April 24. Call Risa at 850-376-3901 or email [adsosvp@gmail.com](mailto:adsosvp@gmail.com).

### OPENS MAY 1. LORRAINE SLOAN EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Sloan's work has been exhibited at the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's Festival of the Arts, the Foster Gallery, and many others.

### OPENS MAY 2. REBECCA LU KIERNAN EXHIBIT AT CRESTVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY



The exhibit runs through June 30, with an artist reception Tuesday, May 2, 6-7:30 p.m. Come see everything new under the sun.

# Art

## MAY 5. GULF PLACE FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK, SANTA ROSA BEACH

From 4 to 7 p.m., join artist **Gordie Hinds** for new artwork, meet local artists, and enjoy refreshments and live music from jazz guitarist **Mark Graham**. Plus—the Artists at Gulf Place host the Battle of the Brushes, in which local artists paint in an exciting competition. More at [gulfplacefl.com](http://gulfplacefl.com).

## ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email [adaro.art@gmail.com](mailto:adaro.art@gmail.com) or visit [adaroart.com](http://adaroart.com) for more info.

**AMUSE ART STUDIO** Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at [amuseartstudio.com](http://amuseartstudio.com).

**ARTFUL THINGS** Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. [www.artfulthings.net](http://www.artfulthings.net).

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY** Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. [www.artdesignsociety.org](http://www.artdesignsociety.org).

**CARA ROY ARTWORKS** Florida tropicals, watercolors, posters of all kinds, note cards, original artworks and gift items. Available at Fusion Art Glass Gallery in Seaside and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. [www.cararoyartworks.com](http://www.cararoyartworks.com).

**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS** features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viaene** and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO** is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. [www.fullcirclefwb.com](http://www.fullcirclefwb.com).

**G & CO. GALLERY** (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. [www.GAndCoGallery.com](http://www.GAndCoGallery.com).

**HH ARTS** is a new gallery offering works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

**MARY HONG GALLERY** Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. [MaryHongStudio.com](http://MaryHongStudio.com).

**MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE** The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit [www.mattiekellyartscenter.org](http://www.mattiekellyartscenter.org) or call 850-729-6044.

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Arts and Design Society's "On the Menu" Show**, open to all artists and inspired by restaurant happenings and "what's on the menu." Turn-in dates are Saturday, **April 29**, 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **May 1**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry cost is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). Entry forms at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Okaloosa Arts Alliance School Poster Contest**, open to all Okaloosa County Schools students. This year's theme is "Summer Fun," and entries can be in any medium. First, second and third place winners in elementary, middle school and high school categories. Deadline for entries is **May 1**. Posters should be on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper and include the artist's name, grade and school. Mail entries to Okaloosa Arts Alliance Poster Contest, P.O. Box 4426, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549, or drop off at the Arts and Design Society (17 First Street, FWB) or HH Arts (100 Beal Parkway South).

Winners will be announced Saturday, **May 6**. Email [amybaty1@gmail.com](mailto:amybaty1@gmail.com) for more info.

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Singer-songwriter Charlie Mars, who performed at Seaside earlier this month.



@chelsearadio13

We never get tired of seeing photos of radio personality Chelsea and her furry friends.



@\_jennakaye

Beachcomber contributors Hunter Forbes and Jenna Kaye Taylor share a rare indoor moment at Harbor Docks during the Cobia World Championships.



@melissajoinermusic

Musician Melissa Joiner and a dozen or so of her best pals at the Okaloosa RevFest, held April 8 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach.

# Beachcomber Profiles\* – Alexa Burroughs



**HOMETOWN:** Birmingham, Alabama.

**AGE:** 23.

**PROFESSION:** Musician.

**HOBBIES:** Reading, working out, traveling.

**RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Recently gaining residency Tuesdays with my trio Lex and the Luthors at AJ's in Destin.

**PROFILE:** When I was five years old, I begged my parents for a drum set for Christmas. Fortunately for me, they were crazy enough to get me one. Fast-forward a few years—I took my first drum lesson, and I was hooked. I practiced nonstop and, when I was 12, began playing weekly for my church. That was when I fell in love with music. I picked up a guitar when I was 18. I didn't know it at the time, but I wouldn't ever put it down.

I never intended to turn music into a career, but I did always plan to have it as a hobby. When I was 19 and in my first year of college at Auburn, a musician friend led me to my first solo gig. It went so much better than I would have ever expected, and I had a choice to make. I called my mom on my way home from class one night and told her I was either ready to find a serving job or that I could pursue

music full time. She asked me if I could pay my bills playing music, and I told her I was pretty sure I could. She told me to go for it, and if it didn't work, she'd be there.

I began playing music full time and paid my way through Auburn being a musician...which is something I never thought I would say. In the summer before my senior year, I had the opportunity to move to Pensacola and play there for the summer. I fell in love, and decided to make this my forever home once I graduated in May 2016.

I now live in Pensacola full time and play seven to eight gigs per week throughout the Gulf Coast as a solo or with my trio. In my off seasons, I like to take off and tour wherever I can. Recently, I completed a southwest tour all the way to the Grand Canyon and back. I'm so lucky to get to live out my dreams every day.

**QUOTE:** "You can fail at what you don't want, so you might as well take a chance on doing what you love." — Jim Carrey

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\* Inspired by the late great Creem Magazine.

# Record Store Day 2017



**Record Store Day** happens Saturday, April 22, both nationwide and locally.

Seaside's **Central Square Records** ([centralsquarerecords.com](http://centralsquarerecords.com)) will open its doors at 8 a.m. "with Jittery Joe's coffee at the ready!" Expect a vinyl-lover's wet dream, with exclusive items, rare and limited pressed vinyl, and great freebies. For more info, call 850-231-5669.

**Fort Walton Vintage Records**, located on Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach, will offer limited edition t-shirts,

half-price \$5 and \$10 albums, a \$1 record bin, along with a variety of exclusive Record Store Day stock. Plus—deals on record cleaners, 15 percent off most electronics, and most guitars at half price. Doors open at 7 a.m.

"From a musical perspective, I'm excited about Robert Johnson's three-LP set that includes all 42 known recordings for the first time ever in one vinyl set," says store owner **Tim Willi**. "From a novelty perspective, there's Peter Tosh's *Legalize It* LP. The sleeve smells like ganja. How fun!"

## UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

### APRIL 21

Ricardo Arjona, *Circo Soledad*  
Big Star, *Thank You, Friends: Big Star's Third Live...and More* (Also on DVD/Blu-ray)  
Cait Brennan, *Third*  
Sheryl Crow, *Be Myself*  
Ray Davies, *Americana*  
Jason Eady, *Jason Eady*  
Robyn Hitchcock, *Robyn Hitchcock*  
Incubus, *8*  
Barry Manilow, *This Is My Town: Songs of New York* (Also on Vinyl)  
Imelda May, *Life. Love. Flesh. Blood*  
Brad Paisley, *Love and War*  
Angaleena Presley, *Wrangled*  
Procol Harum, *Novum*  
Charlie Worsham, *Beginning of Things*

### APRIL 28

Between the Buried and Me, *Coma Ecliptic Live* (Also on Vinyl)  
Mary J. Blige, *Strength of a Woman*  
Robert Cray & Hi-Rhythm, *Robert Cray & Hi-Rhythm*  
Gorillaz, *Humanz* (Also on Vinyl)  
John Mellencamp, *Sad Clowns & Hillbillies* (Also on Vinyl)  
Thurston Moore, *Rock 'n Roll Consciousness*  
Willie Nelson, *God's Problem Child*  
Old Crow Medicine Show, *50 Years of Blonde on Blonde*  
Trombone Shorty, *Parking Lot Symphony*  
The Whistles and the Bells, *Modern Plagues*

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# #ICYMI - Okaloosa RevFest

By Nikki Hedrick

**Okaloosa RevFest**—held Saturday, April 8, at KC's Sandbar in Downtown Fort Walton Beach—is the kind of event that just gives you the warm fuzzies. In its fifth year, it showed no signs of slowing down.

The weather played along, making for a slightly cool spring day if you kept to

the shady spots. The jasmine was in bloom behind one of the stages, and if you don't love the smell of jasmine I will question if you are human.

There were new additions like live painting, an Armored Amplification booth with a slew of tester guitars and amps, and the technical gurus of Receptor Sound and Lighting who kept two stages moving without a hitch.



Beachcomber Music Award winners the Wide Open.



A considerably expanded version of Strange Tang performs on the Beachcomber Stage.



Captain Green.

Returning traditions like memorable jams, guest musicians sitting in, and the kids' corner kept the spirit of communal creativity kicking.

That sense of community is likely one of my favorite things of the day. It's a wonderful chance to see so much

of our local talent (not-so-local, too), give hugs, and catch up with friendly faces.

The crowd rolled in early for RevFest and stayed late. Here's to all those music lovers returning for the event next year. Hope to see you in 2018.



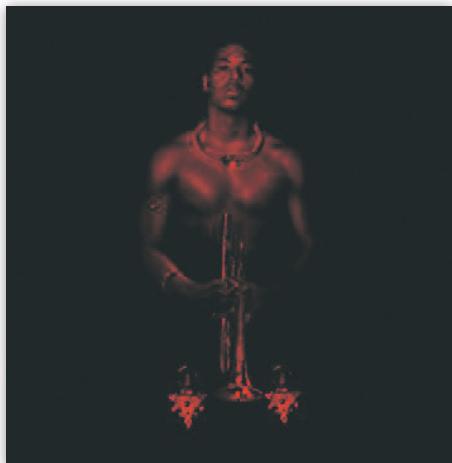
# Music > Beachcomber's Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

## Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah

Ruler Rebel

Stretch Music/Ropeadope



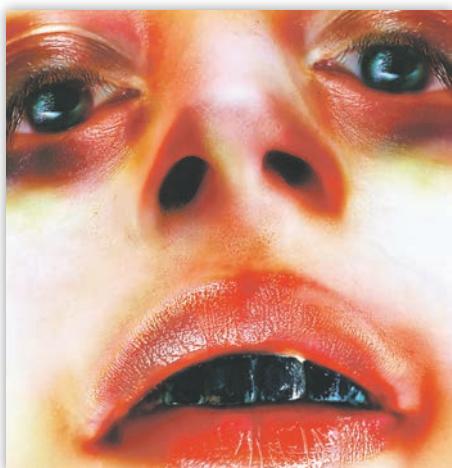
The trumpeter's latest is reportedly the first of a series to be titled "The Centennial Trilogy." I've heard it characterized as a blend of trap music (I confess I just found out what that means) with African and New Orleans musical styles. Maybe, but what it sounds like to me is Movement One of a narrative suite, an epic in the grand old fashioned style of Copland, Bernstein, Ellington, and—dare I say it—Marsalis. Scott composed all eight tracks, and takes his sweet time with orchestration—there are 11 other artists on the album credits.

- Bruce Collier

## Arca

Arca

XL



After establishing himself as the innovative, experimental force behind songs by Kanye West, FKA twigs, Kelela, and Björk, Arca is back with his most personal work to date. His self-titled album demonstrates that his artistry and openness extend far beyond his pop production credits. The Venezuela-born Alejandro Ghersi is using his voice more than ever before, singing whispered and warped songs of love and pain in his native Spanish. His voice becomes a tool to convey the harshness and enormity of emotions

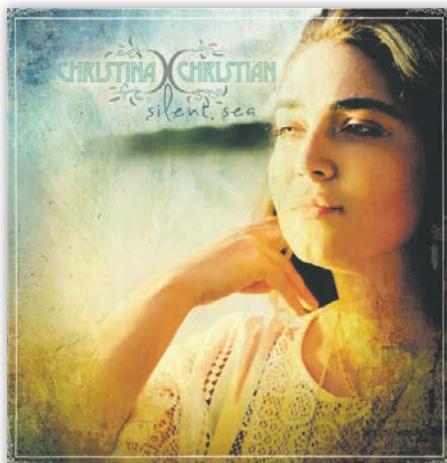
that he has always emanated through his intricate production. Arca comforts and overwhelms, combining intimate pop notions with his experimental expertise.

- Jane Morgan

## Christina Christian

Silent Sea

Independent



Young singer-songwriter from just west of the Florida-Alabama line is wise beyond her years. With soft twang and mostly acoustic backing, Christian pulls you in with well-paced tunes. There's a lot to be said for an artist who projects an air of comfort in the slower songs—it leads itself to a certain type of confidence, and that's part of the magic of *Silent Sea*.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Depeche Mode

Spirit

Columbia



Believe it or not, the same band that produced catchy pop tunes like "People are People" back in the '80s and '90s has been a major influence on artists ranging from rocker Sammy Hagar to Marilyn Manson. When you delve deeper into Depeche Mode's music, you understand why, and there's no better way to do this than by listening to *Spirit*. The album delivers the familiar vocals of Dave Gahan (now 54), as well as political food for thought. Standouts include "You Move," "Poor Man," "No

More," and "Where's the Revolution?" but the entire album is worth a listen if you consider yourself a true blue music lover.

- Joni Williams

## Future Islands

The Far Field

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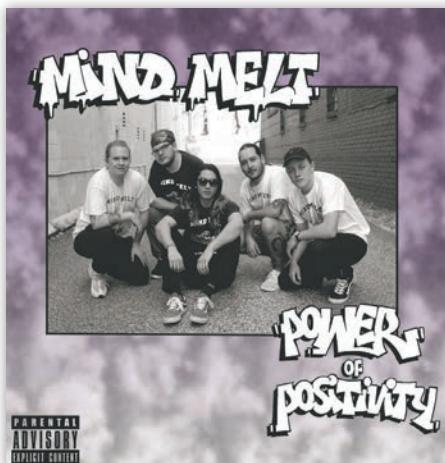
The Baltimore-based synthpop trio's fifth album explores the depths of heartbreak. Recognized by most for his ecstatic dancing, frontman Samuel T. Herring embraces vulnerability, confronting pain to find release. Herring's voice remains one of the most emotive, affecting male voices in music, convincingly shifting from joyfully melodic to a metal growl. The longing in his voice is more palpable than ever, making lyrics about loneliness and crippling hopelessness cut deep. Future Islands finds catharsis in this deep dive of personal heartbreak, particularly in standouts like "Shadows," with Debbie Harry, reminding us that even the most immense pain can evolve from disarming to life-affirming.

- Jane Morgan

## Mind Melt

Power of Positivity

K.O.T.P. Records



Pensacola's Mind Melt is heavy hardcore, that savory blend of metal and high-energy punk that's a genre all its own. Mind Melt serves up the angry, fast, aggressive music hardcore is

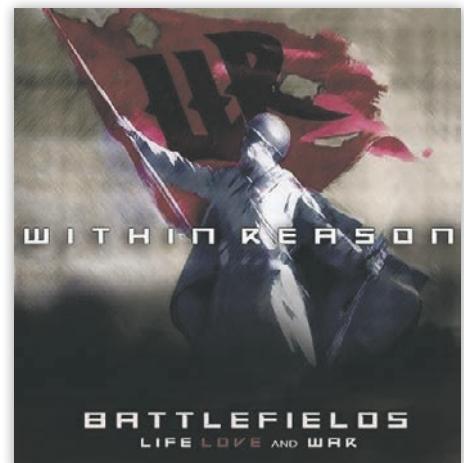
known for, while crafting meaningful about finding your way in the world.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Within Reason

Battlefields Life Love and War

Independent



On the very edge of prominence, Within Reason has hit the road with big names, scored time on national TV, and earned critical acclaim. These southern fellas continue to prove why their melodic rock has gained them fans across the country. From the anthemic "Fight for You" to the grittier "Amphetamine," the new album is a perfect benchmark for the band.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Spiritual Jazz 7 - Islam

Jazzman Records



If listening to this album makes you feel slightly unpatriotic, go ahead and admit it. But if you give it a fair chance, you'll get pulled in. Part of a series of faith-related jazz albums, *Spiritual Jazz 7 - Islam* is a polished, integrated and compelling collection of African and Middle Eastern-inspired jazz tunes. It works not only as art, but cultural history, specifically the influence of Islam on American jazz musicians. That said, it really swings, all the way from West to Middle East. Among the artists represented are Idrees Sulieman, Yusuf Lateef, Ahmed Abdul Malik and Maurice McIntyre.

- Bruce Collier

# Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com) to have your gigs listed here.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20

**AJ'S, Destin**  
LOCAL BROADCAST

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Gulf Breeze**  
THE GRAYSMITHS

**CAMILLE'S, Destin**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin,**  
[captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**FLOUNDER'S, Pensacola Beach**  
WHYTE CAPS

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

**GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BRUCE SALMON, 5 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MAX McCANN, 5-8 p.m.

**GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m.

**HEMINGWAY'S, Pensacola Beach**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-9 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

**MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
DJ CHARLES, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

**THE NEW MALIBU LOUNGE, Pensacola**  
STEPHANIE LEIGH HALL

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE,**  
**Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**

HERITAGE – THE MOON LAGOONS – THE GRAYTONES, 6-9 p.m.

*Northwest Fest in the college's amphitheater. Admission is \$10 with open seating or on the lawn (bring a chair and/or blanket). Get your tickets online or call 850-729-6000.*

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 2 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach**  
SPUTZY, 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 21

**AJ'S, Destin**  
LOCAL BROADCAST

**AJ'S, Grayton Beach**  
HARPER AND MIDWEST KIND, 10 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Gulf Breeze**  
WHYTE CAPS

**THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY

**BRUNO'S, Panama City Beach**  
MELISSA JOINER

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin,**  
[captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**CLUB LA VELA, Panama City Beach**  
JOSH BUCKLEY

**D&R LOUNGE, Pensacola**  
JU'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
**850-244-6666**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

**FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING**  
SHELLEY MORNINGSONG – FABIAN FONTENELLE, 10 a.m.  
INJUNUNITY, 2 p.m.  
*Musical Echoes Flute Festival*

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,**  
**850-424-6650**  
SCRATCHTONES, 9 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
RUINS OF TRUTH – DAYS TO COME, 8 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
DRU CARTER, 5-8 p.m.

**THE HANDLEBAR, Pensacola**  
BIG LO

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.  
100 DOLLAR CAR, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BO SPRING BAND, 7 p.m.

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
GRITS N PIECES, 5 p.m.

**LUCKY'S ROTTEN APPLE, Destin**  
DOPESICK – NIK FLAGSTAR AND HIS DIRTY MANGY DOGS – DJ V TRAIN  
*Listening party for Dopesick's new EP also features a raffle with all proceeds going to Destin Dog Park.*

**MARIE'S BISTRO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
WATERZEDGE, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**MARINA BAR & GRILL, Sandestin**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

**MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville,**  
[MattieKellyArtsCenter.org](http://MattieKellyArtsCenter.org)  
Spring Student Recital, 3 p.m.  
*Faculty-picked vocal and instrumental students perform in the Tyler Recital Hall. FREE. Call 850-729-5362 for more info.*

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside,**  
[www.modicamarket.com](http://www.modicamarket.com)  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

**MOSEY'S DOWNTOWN, Panama City Beach**  
WEST KING STRING BAND

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,**  
**850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.  
HERITAGE

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,**  
**Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

**THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach**  
THERESA BYRD BAND, 7 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
MAGGIE KOERNER – NICK AND THE OVOROLS – SOUTHERN HEARTBURN

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**AJ'S, Destin**  
FLOW TRIBE, 8 p.m.  
*The indie funksters return to Destin with their "backbone-cracking music" before heading over to JazzFest in New Orleans. Discover more at [flowtribe.com](http://flowtribe.com).*  
LOCAL BROADCAST

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.  
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Gulf Breeze**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

**BROTULA'S, Destin**  
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6 p.m.

**CASTAWAY'S, Gulf Breeze**  
JU'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

## Beachcomberland Musicians

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American Music Entertainer  
[www.ronadamsentertainment.com](http://www.ronadamsentertainment.com)

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Rock/Jam/Cover Band  
[www.cadillacwilly.com](http://www.cadillacwilly.com)

**AUSTIN JENNINGS**  
Pop/Acoustic/Soul  
[www.reverbnation.com/austinjennings](http://www.reverbnation.com/austinjennings)

**KICKSTAND JENNY**  
Rock  
[www.kickstandjenny.com](http://www.kickstandjenny.com)

**MATT McCARTY QUINTET**  
Jazz  
[mattmcarty.com](http://mattmcarty.com)

**NEW EARTH ARMY**  
Blues/Rock/Funk  
[theneweartharmy.net](http://theneweartharmy.net)

**THE RIPS**  
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[theripstunes.com](http://theripstunes.com)

**DEAN SADOWSKI**  
Beach/Country/Classic Rock  
[deansadowski@yahoo.com](mailto:deansadowski@yahoo.com)

**SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN**  
Folked-up Prog Rock  
[www.SNTSB.com](http://www.SNTSB.com)

**STRANGE TANG**  
Hip-Hop/Alternative Rap  
[www.iheartstrangetang.com](http://www.iheartstrangetang.com)

**SWAY JAH VU**  
Reggae/Rock  
[www.swayjahvu.com](http://www.swayjahvu.com)

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Tropical Rock/Country  
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If you'd like to be listed here, please email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

# Live Music

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
ALMOST KINGS – THE LACS

**CLUB LA VELA, Panama City Beach**  
JOSH BUCKLEY

**CRABS, Gulf Breeze**  
MELISSA JOINER

**FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING**  
SHELLEY MORNINGSONG – FABIAN  
FONTELLE, 10 a.m.  
INJUNIUTY, 2 p.m.  
*Musical Echoes Flute Festival*

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
WATERZEDGE, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
DAN HALL, 4-7 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BO ADAMS, 5-9 p.m.  
100 DOLLAR CAR, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5 p.m.

**MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville,**  
[MattieKellyArtsCenter.org](http://MattieKellyArtsCenter.org)  
NORTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA, 7:30 p.m.  
*The Beachcomber Music Award winning NFSO presents German Masters with guest artist Tobias Steymans. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for active duty military (with up to four guests) and youth ages 18 and younger. Northwest Florida State College students get in FREE with ID. Call 850-729-6000 for tickets, or purchase online.*

**McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

**PEG LEG PETE'S, Pensacola Beach**  
BAREFOOT REGGIE STARRETT

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheRep.com**  
THE MOSLEYS, 7:30 p.m. (\$25)  
*Rachel and Stephen Mosley have been married for 15 years and write and perform an earthy, soft brand of folk. You've probably seen them at the 30A Songwriters Festival, so go see them again.*

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SAIL AWAY TATTOO, Fort Walton Beach**  
SOMETHING TO YIELD, 8 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**SEASIDE FARMER'S MARKET, Santa Rosa Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 8 a.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**AJ'S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**AMELIA CENTER THEATRE, Panama City Beach**  
GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE CONCERT BAND & JAZZ ENSEMBLE, 2:30 p.m.

*The Concert Band, under the direction of John Divine, performs works by Dave Brubeck, Ira Gershwin, Stevie Wonder, Hans Zimmer and Gustav Holst. The Jazz Ensemble is under the direction of Christopher Rochester. Featuring current GCSC students and guest musicians. FREE admission—canned food donations for Center of Hope will be accepted, as well as cash or check donations for GCSC music scholarships. Call 850-872-3886 or email [jheden@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:jheden@gulfcoast.edu) for more info.*

**BOSHAMPS, Destin**  
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

**CAPT. FUN'S, Pensacola Beach**  
HERITAGE

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabslandCantina.com**  
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

**CRABS, Gulf Breeze**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 4-8 p.m.

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et.al., 11 a.m.

**FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING**  
INJUNIUTY, 2 p.m.  
*Musical Echoes Flute Festival*

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MATT McCARTY's Jazz Jam, 7-10 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 5-9 p.m.

**JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach**  
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

**THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 1-3 p.m.  
*Concerts on the Lawn*

**MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**  
NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE MADRIGAL SINGERS & BELLE VOCI VOCAL ENSEMBLES, 3 p.m.  
*FREE concert in the Tyler Recital Hall. Doors open at 1:30.*

**McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**THE OAR HOUSE, Pensacola**  
STEPHANIE LEIGH HALL

**THE ORIGINAL POINT RESTAURANT, Pensacola**  
WHYTE CAPS

**PEG LEG PETE'S, Pensacola Beach**  
BAREFOOT REGGIE STARRETT

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola**  
ROCKTOPIA

**THE SANDBAR, Pensacola Beach**  
JJ'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

**STEAMBOAT BAR & GRILL, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 6 p.m.

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## MONDAY, APRIL 24

**AJ'S, Destin**  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S, Grayton Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.

**KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

**THE KEG, Pensacola**  
STEPHANIE LEIGH HALL

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

**SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola**  
LITTLE DELTA

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 25

**AJ'S, Destin**  
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 6-10 p.m.  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
NONPOINT – DINOSAUR PILE-UP

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
WILL & LINDA PLEASANTS, 5 p.m.

**NEAT, Panama City Beach**  
DANNI COYOTE

**PARADISE INN, Gulf Breeze**  
DAVE JORDAN AND THE NIA

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 2 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HUCK & LILLY, 6 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**AJ'S, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

# Live Music

## AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach

ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

## AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island

Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

## THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach

LUKE LANGFORD & THE 331 SOUTH BAND

## CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, [captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

## CLUB LA, Destin

HIGHLY SUSPECT – SLOTHRUST

## FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

## FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

## GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA,  
8 p.m.

## HAMPTON INN, Pensacola Beach

JJ'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

## HELEN BACK AGAIN, Crestview

DJ DFUNK

## HOG'S BREATH, Destin

AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

## LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, [lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)

JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

## PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach HOWLIN' BROTHERS

## POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

## THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

## REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach

Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by  
CHRISTIAN MAYES

## RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, [www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

## SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, [www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)

MICHAEL RORAH

## SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, [www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

## SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

## TAILFINS, Destin

RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

## 30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, [www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)

TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

## THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach

BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

## VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, [baytownewharf.com](http://baytownewharf.com)

RON ADAMS – SHADOW OF THE KING,  
7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

## WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach

BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 27

### AJ'S, Grayton Beach

HERITAGE

### AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach

CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

### AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island

BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

### BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Gulf Breeze

POST PLUTO

### CAMILLE'S, Destin

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

### CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, [captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

### FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

### GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

SISTA OTIS, 9 p.m.

### GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach

MAX McCANN, 5-8 p.m.

### HEMINGWAY'S, Pensacola Beach

ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-9 p.m.

## HOG'S BREATH, Destin

BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

## THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach

CASEY KEARNEY, 7 p.m.

## LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach

FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

## LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, [lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)

LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

## McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin

CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

DJ CHARLES, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

## THE NEW MALIBU LOUNGE, Pensacola

STEPHANIE LEIGH HALL

## OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach

BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

## POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach

COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

## THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

## REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

## RICK'S CRAB TRAP, Fort Walton Beach

WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

## RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, [www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

## SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, [www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)

MICHAEL RORAH

## SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, [www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)

RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

## SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

## TAILFINS, Destin

RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

## THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach

SPUTZY, 7 p.m.

## VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, [baytownewharf.com](http://baytownewharf.com)

KYLE LaMONICA, 5-6 p.m.

Bubbly Baytowne

## VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola

JJ GREY & MOFRO – SOUTHERN AVENUE

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

### AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island

BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

### AL'S BEACH BAR, Okaloosa Island

LUKE LANGFORD & THE 331 SOUTH BAND

### BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Pensacola Beach

LOCAL BROADCAST

### CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, [captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)

DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

### CAPT. FUN'S, Pensacola Beach

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## Live Music Review

# Slaughter / Palafokkx / Kickstand Jenny

Club LA, Destin



**With local openers** Kickstand Jenny and Palafokkx paving the way for a great night of rock music, Slaughter continued to hit all the right notes.

Vocalist, guitarist and band namesake Mark Slaughter proved that his vocal prowess and showmanship haven't faded. Bass guitarist Dana Strum and lead guitarist Jeff "Blando" Bland kept the energy moving as they strutted across the stage even during complicated riffs.

The newest member of the Slaughter line-up is drummer Zoltan Chaney, who manages to steal the spotlight as a stick-twirling madman. Google him, and you'll see the phrase "the most insane drummer you'll ever see" pop up as a top result. The title is well deserved.

Slaughter has a history reaching almost three decades, with Mark and

Strum being original members, Bland has been in the band for nearly 20 years. This means Slaughter is more than a cover band clinging to the brand name—they're the real deal, and the crowd loved every minute of it.

I'm not going to fib. I knew a few Slaughter tunes before the concert, but not their extensive catalog. And while a nice slice of audience knew every single word and lick of every single song, my biggest takeaway was how damned good they were.

It's easy to lump Slaughter with the hair metal acts that were all look and no substance because they hit the scene (and MTV) at the same time. But that's entirely unfair considering their performance and who they are as musicians. Catch them live and you won't regret it.

- Nikki Hedrick

# Live Music

**EAST RIVER SMOKEHOUSE, Navarre**  
THE FUNK DISCIPLES, 6 p.m.

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BRENT LOPER, 5-8 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.  
FIVE O'CLOCK CHARLIE, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MERCER AND JOHNSON

**KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
NEW EARTH ARMY

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubbuffett.com/destin**  
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 p.m.

**MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**  
Spring Student Honors Recital, 3 p.m.  
Faculty-picked vocal and instrumental students perform in the Tyler Recital Hall. FREE. Call 850-729-5362 for more info.

**McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
YAMADEO

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside, www.modicamarket.com**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**PROPS BREWERY, Fort Walton Beach**  
WAYNE HALL, 7 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
WATERZEDGE, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com**  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.  
FORTAG

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com**  
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

**THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach**  
MARSHA MARSHA MARSHA, 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.  
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.

**AL'S BEACH BAR, Okaloosa Island**  
LUKE LANGFORD & THE 331 SOUTH BAND

**BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

**BROTULA'S, Destin**

FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6 p.m.

**CAPTAIN FUN'S, Pensacola Beach**  
NAKD

**CHAUTAUQUA BUILDING, DeFuniak Springs**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-8 p.m.  
*This is the third in Bludworth's intimate "Between Us" concert series, featuring Lee Bowen on bass, Jeff Kent on drums, and all-original songs. Tickets are \$5 at the door. More at bludworthmusic.com.*

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
WILDFIRE – AVATAR – GEMINI SYNDROME, 7 p.m.

**CRABS ON THE BEACH, Gulf Breeze**  
WHYTE CAPS

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MID BLUES CRISIS, 9 p.m.

**GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN, Miramar Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, Noon

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
DAN HALL & CHAD THURMAN, 4-7 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BO ADAMS, 5-9 p.m.  
FIVE O'CLOCK CHARLIE, 9 p.m.

**KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
HERITAGE

**LJ SCHOONER'S, Niceville**  
ROB ROMANS, 7 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubbuffett.com/destin**  
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.

**McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
YAMADEO

**OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

**THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach**  
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

**PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach**  
SAUCE BOSS

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 6 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

**RED FISH BLUE FISH, Pensacola Beach**  
JJ'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com**  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com**  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.  
PHILO, 9 p.m.

**TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
WILL THOMPSON

**WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**AJ'S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S, Grayton Beach**  
NEW EARTH ARMY

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**AMELIA CENTER THEATRE, Panama City Beach**  
THE SINGING COMMODORES, 2:30 p.m.

*The vocal group, under the direction of David Watson and accompanied by Christina Kettering, perform works by Francis Scott Key, Franz Schubert, Billy Joel, Henry Mancini, Leonard Cohen, Paul Simon and Elton John. FREE admission—canned food donations for Center of Hope will be accepted, as well as cash or check donations for GCSC music scholarships. Call 850-872-3886 or email [jhedden@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:jhedden@gulfcoast.edu) for more info.*

**BOSHAMPS, Destin**  
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

**CAMILLE'S, Destin**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com**  
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

**CRABS, Gulf Breeze**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 4-8 p.m.

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et.al., 11 a.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MATT McCARTY's Jazz Jam, 7-10 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 5-9 p.m.

**JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach**  
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubbuffett.com/destin**  
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.

**THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin**  
THE WILDLIFE SPECIALS, 1-3 p.m.  
*Concerts on the Lawn*

**MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Gulf Breeze**  
MIKEY B3 BURKART

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheRep.com**  
LILLIE MAE, 7:30 p.m.

*Lillie Mae is a veteran of Jack White's touring and studio bands. She's promoting her new album Forever and Then Some.*

**THE SANDBAR, Pensacola Beach**  
JJ'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## MONDAY, MAY 1

**AJ'S, Destin**  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
EVERCLEAR

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

**THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.

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**KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

**THE KEG, Pensacola**  
STEPHANIE LEIGH HALL

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Beatles Tribute Show with LAWRENCE BERTOLDI – AMY BLIZZARD – ZENA CARPENTER – HUNDER CIOLKOS – MARK DOUGLASS & LUCAS TURNER – MARI GLEASON – TANNER GRAY – KATIE SMITH – ERIC STOCKTON – NIC TURNER – XARIS WALTMAN – JULIE WOOD – ED WRANN and More, 7 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
AMON AMARTH – GOATWHORE  
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## TUESDAY, MAY 2

**AJ'S, Destin**  
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 6-10 p.m.  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

**CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin**  
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**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,  
850-424-6650**  
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,**  
[lulubuffett.com/destin](http://lulubuffett.com/destin)  
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

**THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 5-7 p.m.  
*Pop & Shop Concerts*

**PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Gulf Breeze**  
MIKEY B3 BURKART

**PENSACOLA BAY CENTER, Pensacola**  
BLINK-182 – WAVVES

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
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**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin,**  
[baytownewharf.com](http://baytownewharf.com)  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
TECH N9NE – KRIZZ KALIKO – STEVIE STONE – CES CRU – BROTHER LYNCH HUNG

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

**AJ'S, Destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 p.m.

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

**AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island**  
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

**BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin,**  
[captdavesonthegulf.com](http://captdavesonthegulf.com)  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
**850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,  
850-424-6650**  
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8 p.m.

**HAMPTON INN, Pensacola Beach**  
JJ'S REVIVAL Featuring HIPPY JIM

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
[www.RuthChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthChrisDestin.com)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

**SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,**  
[www.saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://www.saltwatergrillpcb.com)  
MICHAEL RORAH

**SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,**  
[www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)  
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,**  
[www.30asongwriterradio.com](http://www.30asongwriterradio.com)  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

**TAILFINS, Destin**  
RONNIE SATTERFIELD, 7-10 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin,**  
[baytownewharf.com](http://baytownewharf.com)  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

# Days of Earth...

Children ages 6-12 and their parents are invited to the Destin Community Center Friday, **April 21**, to celebrate Earth Day 2017 at 3 p.m.

The program is aimed at increasing awareness about our world in general and how using Okaloosa County's recycling program can positively affect the wildlife in our backyards and around the world. The event also includes games, crafts and prizes and an appearance by Nonie's Ark Animal Encounters.

Nonie will present an hour of "EDUtainment" featuring her live exotic animals, themselves "recycled." Expect parrots, turtles, tarantulas, snakes, and even hissing cockroaches.

The program is FREE with no preregistration required. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

- Will Rogers

## ...and Arbor



Olin Wolfgram, a 7th grader at Liza Jackson Preparatory School, and Allen French, founder of Trees on the Coast—a nonprofit that works to improve the beauty in Okaloosa and Walton counties through tree planting—teamed to plant a navel orange tree near the entrance of Food for Thought's facility in Santa Rosa Beach.

Wolfgram was tasked to complete a community service project for his Civics class and landed on French after researching environmental causes and charities in the area. After they planted the tree, they were treated to a tour of Food for Thought headquarters, another nonprofit that donates food in backpacks to Walton and Okaloosa county children through their schools.

"Mr. French is a cool guy, and I thought it was great that we could plant a fruit-bearing tree for a charity that helps hungry kids," says Wolfgram.

*Photo submitted by Zandra Wolfgram.*

**The City of Destin** holds its Annual Arbor Day event at Main Street Park, located at 605 Main Street, Friday, **April 28**, at 10 a.m. The event will include remarks from Mayor **Scott Fischer** and special guest speaker Myra Williams, a member of the city's Environmental, Parks & Recreation Committee/Tree Board, board member of Trees on the Coast and representative of Howard Group.

The event will conclude with a tree planting ceremony by the city's Environmental, Parks & Recreation Committee/Tree Board. The ceremonial tree this year has been donated by Howard Group.

"Arbor Day was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician," says Fischer. "Having a similar background—in both journalism and politics—I am proud to help promote Arbor Day. Planting a tree is a real statement of faith in the future. Our children and theirs will be the ones who will one day see this tree standing, and I can think of no better legacy to leave than planting a tree."

The city will give away seedlings to the first 50 people to arrive at the

ceremony. The public is welcome to bring their own seedlings to trade with other tree enthusiasts.

Additionally, this year the City of Destin has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to urban forestry. This is the 15th year Destin has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. In order for Destin to receive the Tree City USA recognition, four standards have to be met—the city must have a tree board, a tree ordinance, a community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and tree care. Founded by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska in 1872, National Arbor Day is celebrated each year on the last Friday in April.

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# Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/web sites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your May 4-17 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **April 27**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20

### BOURBON & BBQ

Village Door, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6-8 p.m.

### SandestinWineFestival.com

The 31st Sandestin Wine Festival kicks off with local distillery Timber Creek. Craft cocktails and interactive blending stations.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 21

### CHAMPAGNE & SEAFOOD LUNCH CRUISE

Baytowne Marina, Sandestin, Noon-3 p.m.

### SandestinWineFestival.com

Enjoy an elaborate four-course meal and premium champagnes. Make your reservations at [SunQuestCruises.com](http://SunQuestCruises.com) or call 850-650-2519.

### DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Marina Cafe, Destin, Doors Open at 10:45 a.m.

### destinwomansclub.org

"Heart and Sole (A Tribute to the Harbor)" benefits Fisher House and the DWC Family Fund. Tickets available at Today's Boutique in Destin and online, or call Wendy at 850-650-7936.

### SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL

Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin

### SandestinWineFestival.com

From 2 to 9 p.m., enjoy domestic and international tastings at the ABC Fine Wine & Spirits Retail Tent, along with Grand Wine Tastings from 5 to 8 p.m.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22

### SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL

Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin

### SandestinWineFestival.com

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy domestic and international tastings at the ABC Fine Wine & Spirits Retail Tent, along with Grand Wine Tastings from 1 to 5 p.m.

### WHISKERS & WINE 2

Twisted Grape, Shalimar, 3-5 p.m.

850-865-6866

Fundraiser for **Save Our Cats and Kittens (SOCKS)**, the area's only no-kill cats-only shelter. Enjoy wine and appetizers, plus silent

auction items including artwork, golf packages and dining certificates. Tickets are \$25 and available at the SOCKS Shelter and Thrift Store and P.S. Gifts in Fort Walton Beach, and Twisted Grape.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

### BRUNCH ON THE BAY

Baytowne Marina, Sandestin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### SandestinWineFestival.com

Cap off the Sandestin Wine Festival with seasonal brunch items from Sandestin Executive Chef **Javier Rosa**, along with live music, a spectacular view, and free-flowing cocktails by Southern Wine.

### SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL

Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin

### SandestinWineFestival.com

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy domestic and international tastings at the ABC Fine Wine & Spirits Retail Tent.

## MONDAY, APRIL 24

### FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

### themarketshops.com

FREE and open to individuals of all fitness levels. No registration required, but bring your own mat.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

### LIVE TRIVIA

World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7:30 p.m.

Test your knowledge of useless information and score prizes.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 27

### ONEBLOOD DRIVE

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### themarketshops.com

Photo ID required. All donors will receive a wellness checkup and surprise gift. Learn more at [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org).

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

### BREWS ON THE BAY BEER PAIRING DINNER

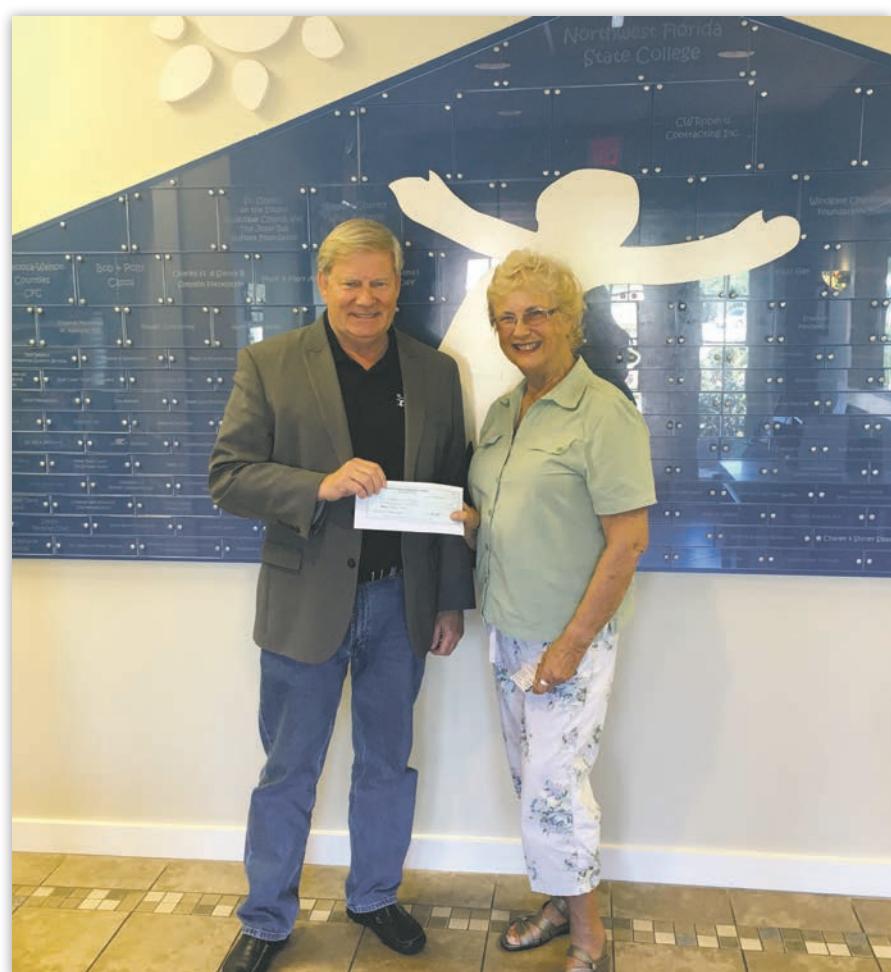
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar Beach,

7-10 p.m.

### Sandestin.com

Sandestin Executive Chef **Javier Rosa** and Destin Brewery team up for a five-course custom pairing menu using fresh, local ingredients to

complement specially selected craft beer pours. Tickets are \$65 per person. Call 850-267-7579 or email [brookewindham@sandestin.com](mailto:brookewindham@sandestin.com) to reserve a spot.



Children in Crisis CEO and President Ken Hair receives a \$2,000 donation from Barbara Kinnaird, recording secretary for the Episcopal Church Women of St. Simon on the Sound. The church raised the funds for the CIC Neighborhood at their recent craft fair and rummage sale. More at [childrenincrisisfl.org](http://childrenincrisisfl.org).

## Beachside Worship Services

### CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA

1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

### DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER

Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

### FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Germono St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at

10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

### GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325

Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

### HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email [pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org](mailto:pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org).

### RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

### SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

### SAIN RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. [www.sainritaparish.org](http://www.sainritaparish.org).

### SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays.

3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

### SHORELINE CHURCH

Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or [www.shorelinechurch.net](http://www.shorelinechurch.net).

### ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

### ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

### ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

### VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

# Events



The Friends Guild of the Destin Library's 2017-18 officers Helen Everett, vice-president; Becky Williams, president; Jennifer Lee, chairperson; and Wendy Krieg, secretary.  
Photo submitted by Will Rogers.

## Family-Friendly Events

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

**Storytime at Destin Library**, 9:30 a.m. For ages up to 4.

**Lapsit Storytime at Crestview Library**, 10:15 a.m. For ages up to 2.

**Lapsit Storytime at Fort Walton Beach Library**, 10:30 a.m. For babies and preschoolers.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

**Wear Purple**. April is the Month of the Military Child. In honor of youth affected by deployment, Okaloosa County employees and students are encouraged to wear purple.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP Conference at Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast**, Fort Walton Beach, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The conference is designed to cultivate leadership skills and empower attendees with tools, resources and inspiration to live and model civic action in the community. It will also help youth in grades 7-12 discover purpose and potential.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**Twelfth Annual CCA Kids Fishing Tournament** behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach, noon-4 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

**After School Art Class** at Valparaiso Library, 4-5:30 p.m. For ages 5-12. Focus is on watercolors, and all materials are provided.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25

**Kids Night Out at Fired Up!**, Seaside, 6:30 p.m. For ages 6-12. Reserve a spot at [firedupseaside.com](http://firedupseaside.com).

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**Lego Club at Walton County Coastal Library**, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m. All supplies

provided. Call Linda at 850-267-2809 for more info.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**Starfish Family Workshop at Artists at Gulf Place**, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Join our pal **John Hollan** for a *Starfish Family* book signing, along with activities for all ages. Cost is \$15. Call 850-622-0400 or visit [artistsatgulfplace.com](http://artistsatgulfplace.com). Check out the other great activities at Gulf Place, too, including jewelry workshops and mixed media classes.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**Kids Night Out**, various locations in Okaloosa and Walton counties. More at [emeraldcoastkids.org/kids-night-out](http://emeraldcoastkids.org/kids-night-out).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**Second Annual FREE Community Appreciation Cookout by Habitat for Humanity of Okaloosa County** at Liza Jackson Park, Fort Walton Beach, 2-6 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers, live music, martial arts demos, silent auction and more.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

**FREE Concert Series at the Market Shops, Sandestin**, 1-3 p.m. See this issue's Live Music Calendar for additional info.

### MONDAY, MAY 1

**Storytime Class at Valparaiso Library**, 10 a.m. Songs, stories and fun.

**Lapsit Storytime Class at Fort Walton Beach Library**, 10:30 a.m. Help your kids increase their school readiness.

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

**Lego Club at Freeport Library**, 3-4 p.m. Kids from grades K-5 are invited to play and create. Call Nicole at 850-835-2040 for more info.  
- Kellyanne Bartleson, [EmeraldCoastKids.org](http://EmeraldCoastKids.org)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

**HERITAGE 5K RUN/WALK AND KIDS FUN RUN**  
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 8 a.m.

[heritage-museum.org](http://heritage-museum.org)

Registration fees are \$30 for the run/walk and \$20 for the kids' run (up to 14 years old). Register in person at the museum or online at [active.com](http://active.com) through **April 24**. Following the race, enjoy the 41st Saturday in the Park Festival, with live entertainment, historical reenactments and craft demonstrations, Folk artists, food vendors, Kid Zone and more.

### WORLD TAI CHI DAY CELEBRATION

*Destin Library*, 10 a.m.

[taichiforarthritis.com](http://taichiforarthritis.com)

Join instructor **Barbara Rezmer** for an outdoor event (weather permitting). Participants are encouraged to arrive by 9:45 a.m. for warmup exercises.

### MONDAY, MAY 1

**FITNESS ON THE LAWN**  
*The Market Shops, Sandestin*, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.  
[themarketshops.com](http://themarketshops.com)

FREE and open to individuals of all fitness levels. No registration required, but bring your own mat.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

#### LIVE TRIVIA

*World of Beer, Destin Commons*, 7:30 p.m.  
Test your knowledge of useless information and score prizes.

### MOBILE'S MISS GAY PRIDE PAGEANT

*B-Bob's, Mobile, Alabama*, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Contestants compete in four categories, and the winner receives sash, crown and 500 bucks. Admission is \$12. Contestant entry fee is \$125.

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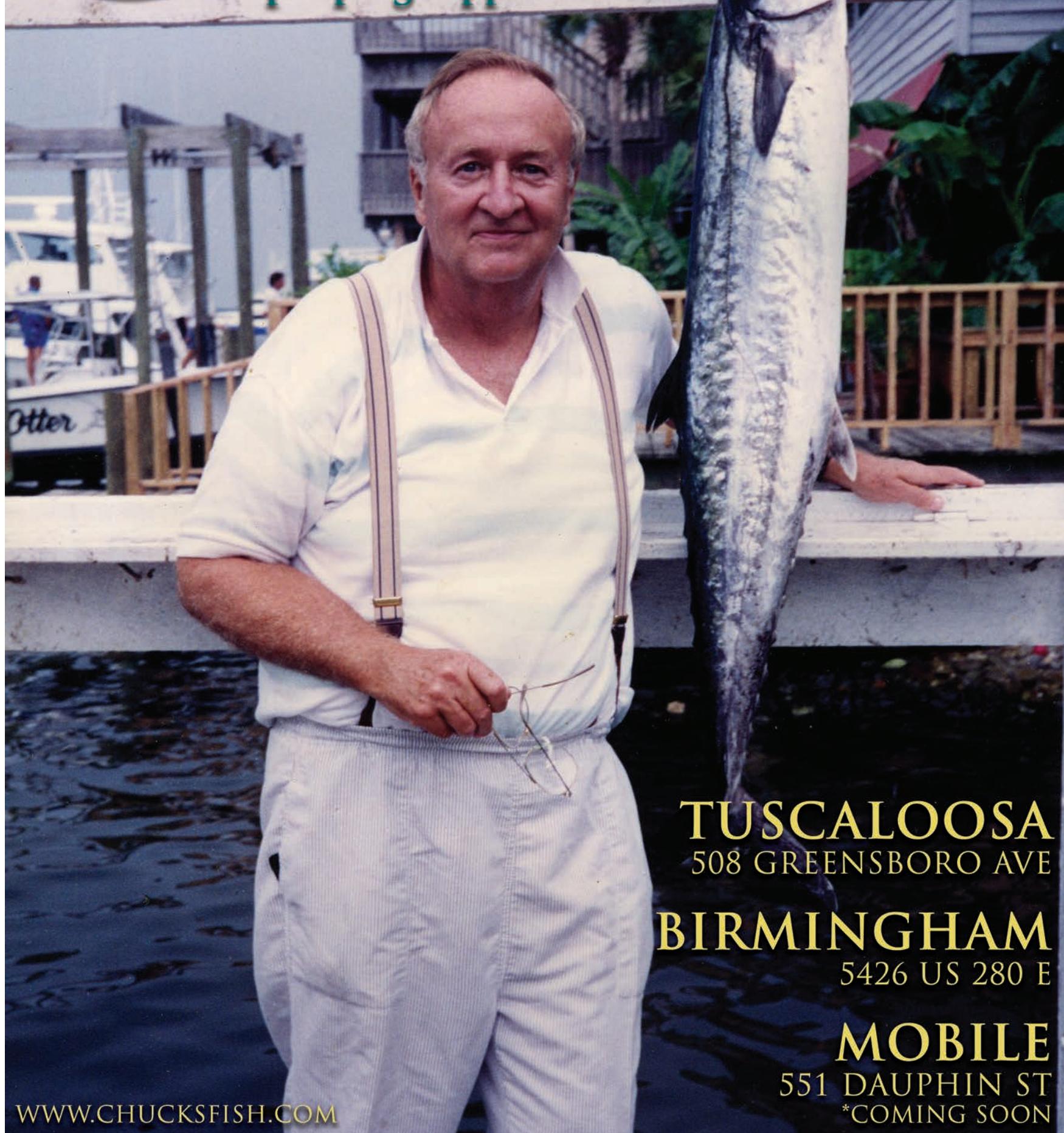
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## BOOKSTORES

**READ IT AGAIN** Used and rare books. Browse inventory and shop online at [www.readitagain1.com](http://www.readitagain1.com) or just come see us at 703 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, just one block west of Niceville High School. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We have a little bit of everything—popular reads, new releases, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy and science fiction, mystery and suspense, romance, history, military and so much more. 850-279-4646.

## EDUCATIONAL

**EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER** A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. [www.ecscience.org](http://www.ecscience.org).

## FARMERS' MARKETS

**30A FARMERS' MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## GOLF

**REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. [www.regattabay.com](http://www.regattabay.com).

**SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB** Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. [www.santarosaclub.com](http://www.santarosaclub.com).

## MARINE PARKS/AQUARIUMS

**GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK** Delight in watching dolphins leap and

sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 a.m. 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. [www.gulfarium.com](http://www.gulfarium.com).

## MUSEUMS

**DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM** Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

**INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM** Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

## MUSIC STORES

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## PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

**BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK** Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

**BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK** NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH** Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

**BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK** Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

**CAMP HELEN STATE PARK** offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

**CESSNA BAY** Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

**CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK** This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

**ED WALLINE** A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped

parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

**EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK** An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

**GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA** Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

**GRAYTON DUNES** Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

**GULF SHORE MANOR** Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

**GULFVIEW HEIGHTS** Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

**HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK** This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

**INLET BEACH** This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

**LEGION BAY** Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

**MARIER MEMORIAL PARK** Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

**MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS** Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

**TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE** Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. [www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill](http://www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill).

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# Youth Turkey Season 2017



By Jenna Taylor  
Photos by Hunter Forbes

**Youth turkey season** in Kentucky is consistently one of the best weekends to be out in the woods. This year it fell on the first weekend in April, when the birds have lacked pressure and began to embrace courtship.

It was one of those lovely days when the wind blows cold and the sun shines hot. The eminent chirp of the Kentucky blue jay and the quaint sounds of the newly bloomed leaves brushing against one another. A delightful afternoon spent in the shade of oak trees alongside loved ones patiently awaiting a gobbler's demise and a young hunter's victory.

This year I had planned to take my cousin Noah. I had deer hunted with Noah numerous times, but had never gotten the chance to sit back and enjoy spring turkey hunting with him. Noah is a 14-year-old Christ-driven outdoorsman who enjoys every minute of nature and the outdoors. He appreciates all that it has to offer, and is an absolute joy to be around. It has been splendid to see the way he has

adapted and grown as a hunter and how my uncle Tommy has raised him with the foundations of Christ, family and hunting.

It was the afternoon of April 3, around 2:45 p.m. We pulled up to the farm, unlocked the gate, and slowly pulled in. As we stepped out of the truck, we looked up to see three toms strutting nearby a few hens. Only about 150 yards away, we fell silent, froze, jumped back in the car, and slowly reversed back out of the gate. We changed our tactics and got ready by the road, ditched our snacks and slipped in to the tree line.

As we began our quest to assist Noah in taking a gobbler down, we realized that we didn't have the time nor space to traditionally set up and wait for them to come to us. So as I sat back in the tree line, Noah began to army crawl towards the gobblers. With a Deception Outdoors full strutter and a fan from one of the past years, he eased over the hillside and got within the boundaries of the toms.

Watching their heads burn brighter red, we knew this had done it. We



had gotten too close, and these gobblers were ready to fight. As the fan was gracefully presented to the toms ahead, they began to get closer and closer. Attempting to protect their courtship and keep another strutter from stealing their ladies, they had unknowingly gotten within the confines of the shotgun spray. Within seconds, I called the shot and Noah swiftly pulled the trigger. Immediately looking up, we realized that the shot had somehow missed the gobbler. He instantly took off and was out of range within seconds.

As hunters, we realize that missed shots are inevitable. With time, practice and patience, we confidently make the kill shot with the goal of a sudden death and no suffering to the animal. But as I said, that is sometimes unavoidable and bound to happen—so we don't lose hope. We learn from our mistakes and we get better so we can avoid those mistakes the next time.

Changing tactics once more, we decided to take the trail leading to the middle of the farm where the woods

make a V. There is open field to the left, right and directly in front. It's an apparent funnel for all wildlife, and we figured we could catch a bird going to roost—or hopefully get one to come in using our Field Proven Calls.

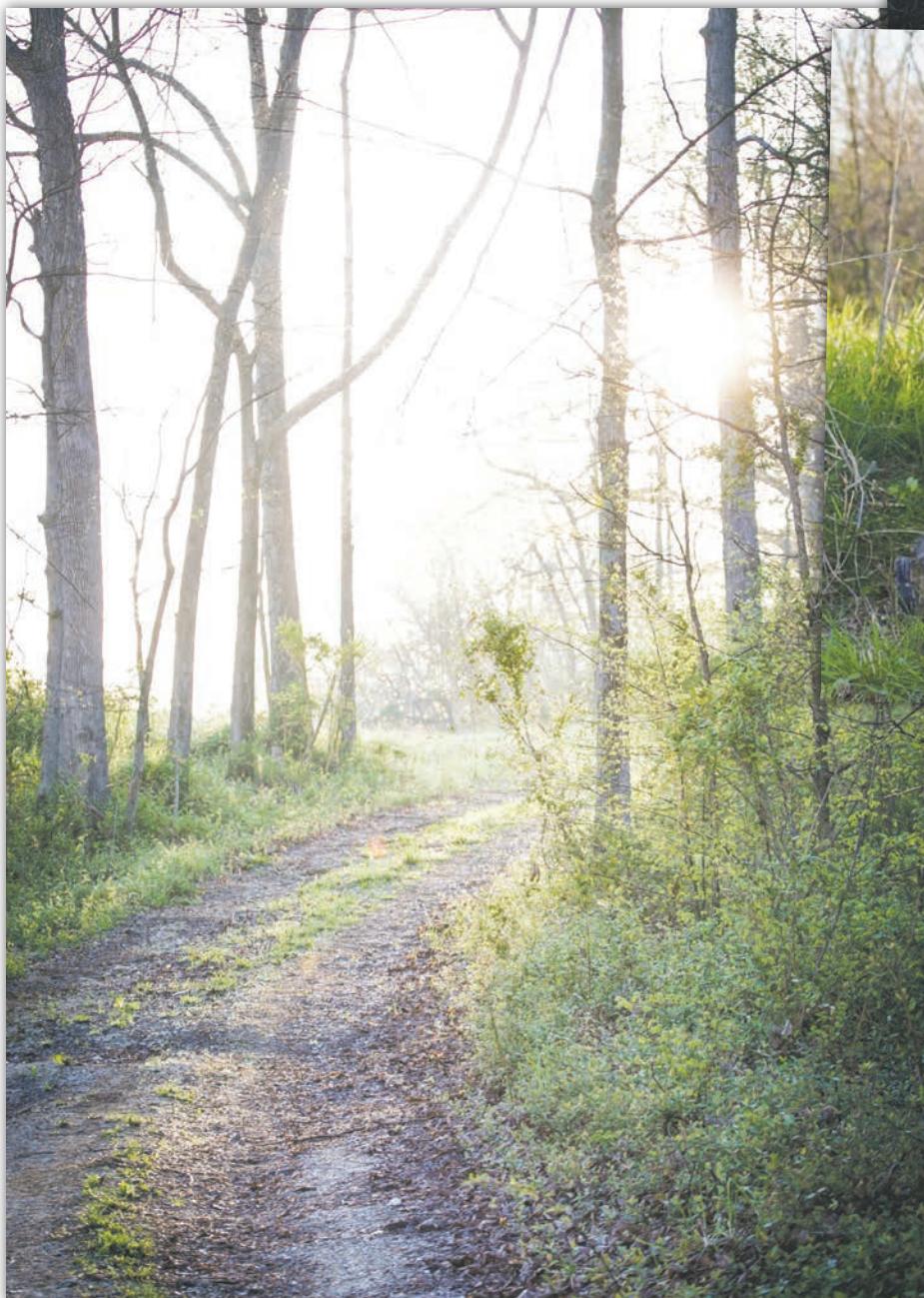
Every 20 minutes or so, we let out a few clucks, chirps, and purrs with both our FP diaphragm calls and FP friction calls. It had been at least 20 minutes since we called last, and as we lay there silently soaking up the cool 55-degree weather, fully immersed in nature, a hen slowly and silently walks by to my left. I quickly whisper to Noah to get ready.

As they're going back and forth, I look back over my shoulder to my left again, this time to see a red head inching closer. I get Noah's attention, and we are suddenly frozen in time. As the gobbler swiftly rounds the corner (now in front of us), he begins to persistently peck at the decoy's eyes. Soon thereafter,

the gobbler pounces on the decoy, and puts on a full show for us. At last, he flies six feet up in to the air and violently comes down on the full strutter. As his head comes up, I call the shot for the second time that day. Noah, with his shotgun rested on his knee, promptly pulls the trigger and, at last, the gobbler goes down.

"You got him!" I cheerfully announced, and soon thereafter my eyes closed and I thanked God for the hunt, the harvest and the wonderful memories.

We all got up, gave Noah a huge hug, a fist bump and a congratulations, wrapping up an unforgettable hunt.





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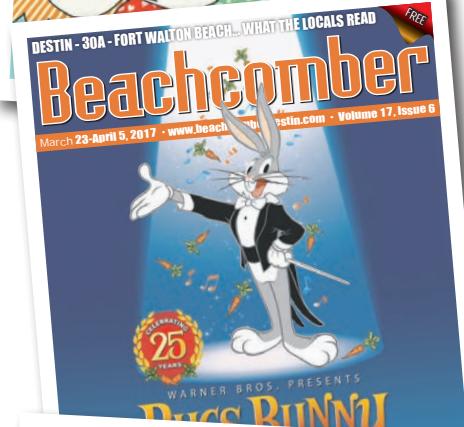
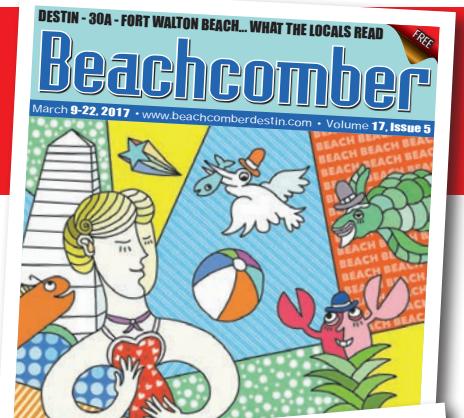
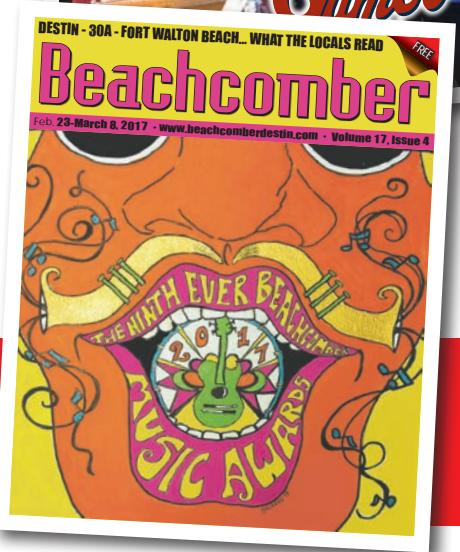
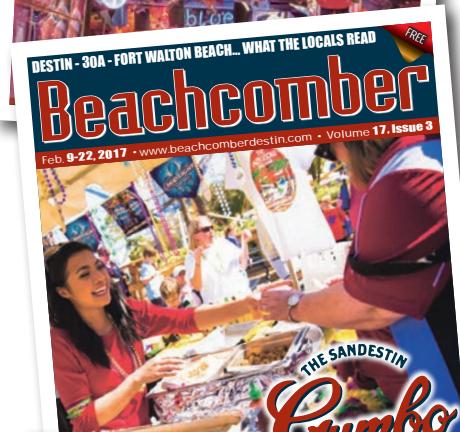
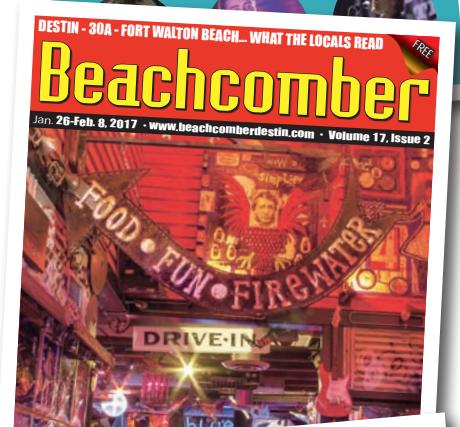
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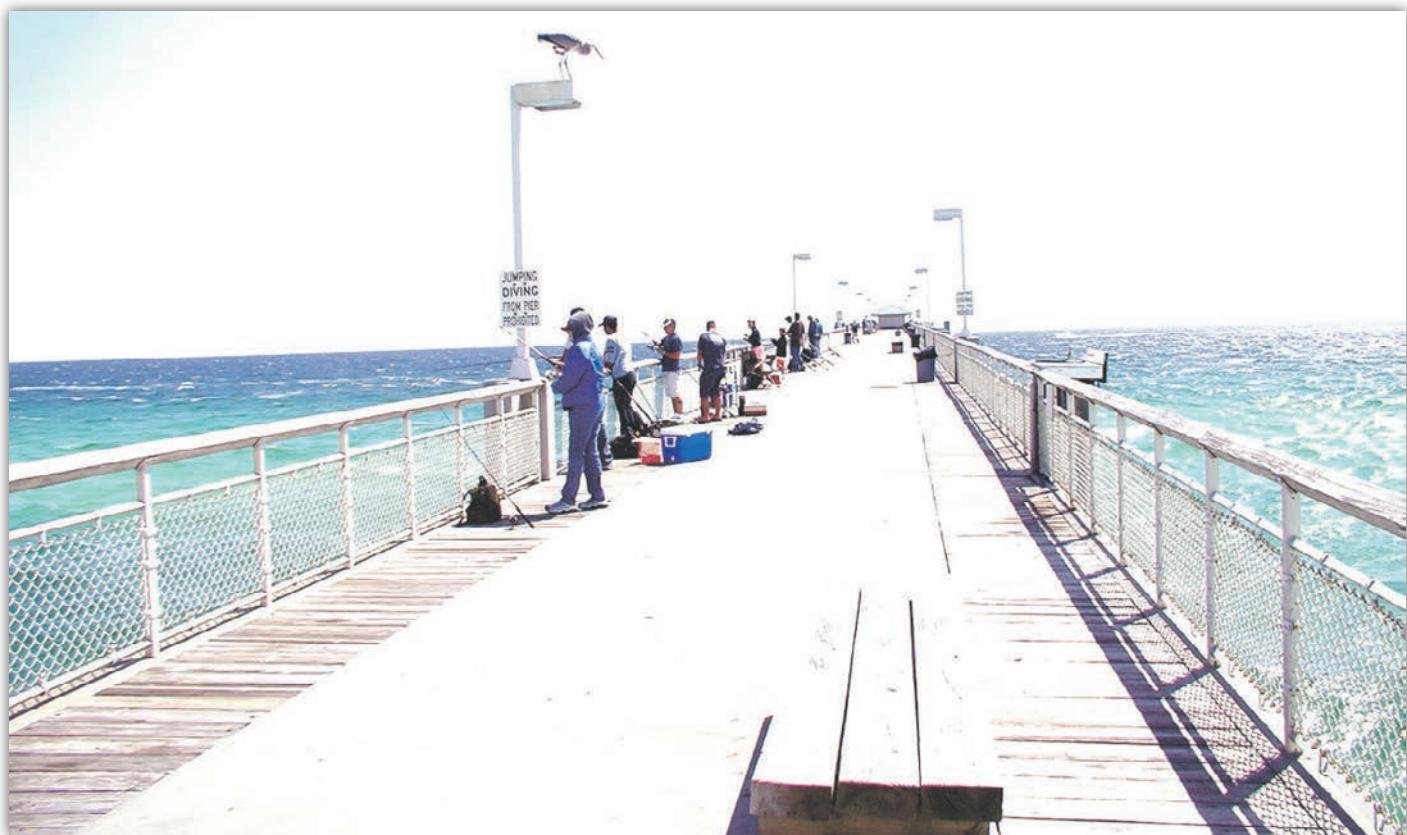


# Pier Pleasure

By Bruce Collier

I visited the Okaloosa Fishing Pier early on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. The entrance to the pier sits alongside a large, well-known seafood restaurant. Passing under an arch leads you to an information station, promising maps, discount coupons, and information on local attractions. The station was unmanned and void of any brochures, leading me to conclude that it may not open until the high season. Proceeding from there, one crosses into a small enclosed structure that serves as bait house, refreshment and comfort station, and ticket booth. Admission to the pier costs according to one's intentions. Non-fishing visitors pay \$1; persons fishing pay \$6.50, with discounts for seniors and free admission for small children.

It appeared to be a beautiful day for fishing of any kind. I expected to see more than a few fishermen taking advantage of it. Then I walked out onto the pier, and the crosswind hit me. I heard one person guess it was about 40 miles an hour. He may have been joking, and I am not a meteorologist, but I'd not have disputed him. A look down the length of the pier showed most of the fishermen sporting windbreakers, hooded sweatshirts and snug caps. One die-hard spring breaker type in swim trunks and nothing else was doing the Freezing



The size of the pier on Okaloosa Island is long enough to accommodate a great many anglers, walkers and gawkers.

Guy Dance with a group of sensibly dressed buddies. Finally I heard him say, "I'm outta here" through chattering teeth, followed by a barefoot sprint toward the bait house. Strangely, you could look off to either side of the pier, and see bikini-clad tourists playing

comfortably in the sunshine on the beach.

I don't know the exact length of the pier, but it is a healthy stroll out to the end, livened by the wind and the sight of seagulls flying backwards or hanging suspended in mid-air over the water. There were only about 30 or so fishermen, ranging in age from toddlers to old people, standing at well-spaced intervals along the length of the pier. Nevertheless, they were an intense bunch. Some had up to four spinning and casting rods at hand, laid out on the rail like a surgeon's tools. They baited, cast and re-cast, staring holes in the water with all the intensity of Hemingway heroes. I've heard more small talk in church. I believe this is what is called "serious fun."

At the end of the pier a small group of silent men stood pulling small fish, one after another, from the water. One was having especially good luck. I asked him what he was catching. "Herring, speedos, cigar minnows," he informed me. He was tossing them onto the pier, where a friend would retrieve them and bag them. Occasionally one of the others would take one out to re-bait his line. The rule seemed to be share and share alike. Back toward the shore the anglers were making do with cartons of shrimp purchased at the bait house. These were of particular interest to a large heron. He walked among the fishermen, apparently without fear,

keeping a bird's eye out for open bait boxes. I joined a pair of visitors who were following the big bird, waiting for it to strike a photogenic pose. The heron stood about two feet away, staring at them. Finally it rose into the air, and our cameras snapped. "Did you get it?" we asked each other.

I ducked into the bait house to get out of the wind, pausing at a wall of fame bearing photos of great catches of years past. Next to the cash register is a hand-lettered sign, detailing what fish were being taken, yesterday and today. Today was cobia and mackerel, which seemed wishful thinking. Business was picking up, as a large group of teenage boys came in to purchase bait. The man at the register told me he believed the pier had been built in 1972. "It's been damaged by several hurricanes. Opal was the last." He pointed to some photos on the wall behind him, one of the pier being smashed by waves, vintage 1995. "The fishing's not as good as it was."

"Was that because of the hurricane?"

He shrugged. "People say it used to be better."

As I left, I saw a sign on the wall, one of those you see in bars along fishing piers. It read: "Best Times for Fishing: Five minutes before you got here, and 10 minutes after you leave." Those teenage boys probably did pretty well.



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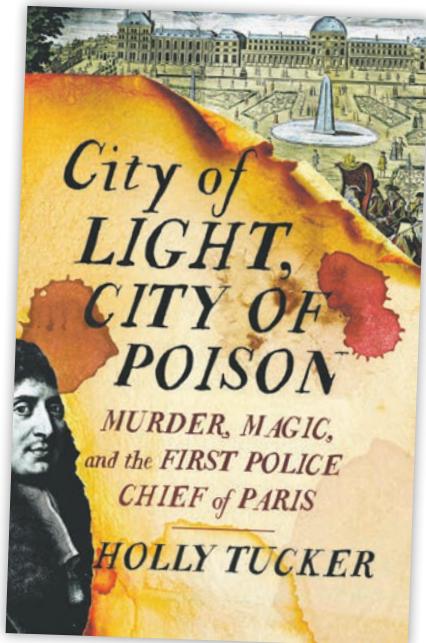
#### Holly Tucker

*City of Light, City of Poison:  
Murder, Magic and the First  
Police Chief of Paris*

W.W. Norton

Nicolas de la Reynie gets his non-fictional historical due here as Paris' first documented chief of police, in the reign of Louis XIV. Reynie literally cleaned up the town, installed street lights, and cracked down on crime. His reforming zeal was put to the test when the Sun King told him to investigate an appalling string of murders later known as the "Affair of the Poisons." Reynie's carefully documented inquiry reached from the slums all the way to the throne before Louis pulled the plug and ordered the files destroyed. Reynie obeyed, but kept copies. Come on, somebody, film this.

- Bruce Collier



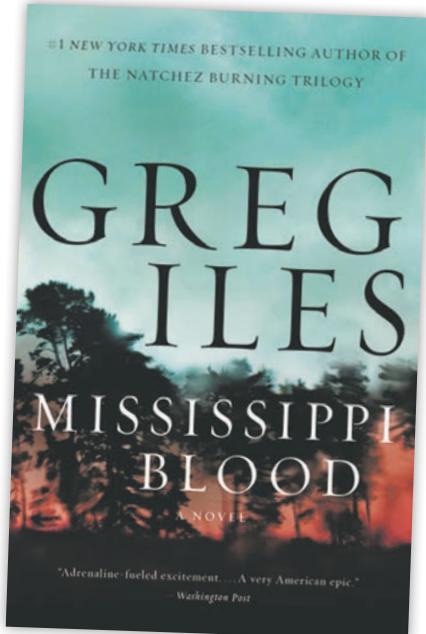
#### Greg Iles

*Mississippi Blood*

William Morrow

The third and final installment of Iles' *Natchez Burning* trilogy focuses primarily on the trial of Dr. Tom Cage, who is accused of murdering his former nurse and lover. Meanwhile, the good doctor's son Penn faces threats from all sides—his disgruntled half-brother, the ultra-racist Double Eagles, and the District Attorney, all of whom are out for revenge of some sort. With excitement at every turn, memorable new characters and a masterful climax, you couldn't have asked for a more satisfying conclusion.

- Chris Manson



### UPCOMING BOOKS

#### APRIL 25

- Frederik Backman, *Beartown: A Novel*
- Genevieve Howland, *The Mama Natural Week-by-Week Guide to Pregnancy and Childbirth* (Paperback)
- Duff McDonald, *The Golden Passport: Harvard Business School, the Limits of Capitalism, and the Moral Failure of the MBA Elite*
- Samin Nosrat and Wendy MacNaughton, *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking*
- Robert O'Neill, *The Operator: Firing the Shots that Killed Osama bin Laden and My Years as a SEAL Team Warrior*
- Fred Pescatore, *The A-List Diet: Lose up to 15 Pounds and Look and Feel Younger in Just Two Weeks*
- Elizabeth Strout, *Anything Is Possible: A Novel*

#### MAY 2

- Kyle Cease, *I Hope I Screw This Up: How Falling in Love with Your Fears Can Change the World*
- Joel Fuhrman, M.D., *Eat to Live Quick and Easy Cookbook: 131 Delicious Recipes for Fast and Sustained Weight Loss, Reversing Disease, and Lifelong Health*
- Paula Hawkins, *Into the Water: A Novel*
- Bunmi Laditan, *Confessions of a Domestic Failure: A Humorous Book About a Not So Perfect Mom* (Paperback)
- James Patterson and Maxine Paetro, *16th Seduction (Women's Murder Club)*
- Rick Riordan, *The Trials of Apollo, Book 2: Dark Prophecy*
- Neil deGrasse Tyson, *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*

Sources: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

# Movies

## OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

APRIL 21

**Disneynature Born in China.** John Krasinski, Pandas.  
**Free Fire.** Sharlto Copley, Armie Hammer.  
**The Lost City of Z.** Charlie Hunnam, Tom Holland.  
**The Promise.** Oscar Isaac, Christian Bale.  
**Unforgettable.** Katherine Heigl, Rosario Dawson.

APRIL 28

**BANG! The Bert Berns Story.** Steven Van Zandt, Paul McCartney.  
**The Circle.** Tom Hanks, Emma Watson.  
**How to Be a Latin Lover.** Salma Hayek, Eugenio Derbez.  
**Sleight.** Jacob Latimore, Storm Reid.

## UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

APRIL 21

**Bosch.** Michael Connelly's bestselling detective returns to Amazon for a third season.

Source: [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com)

APRIL 25

**The Girl with All the Gifts.** A dystopian future, inspired by M.R. Carey's book.  
**La La Land.** Damien Chazelle's universally praised musical with Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone.

## LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

"**MUPPETS MOST WANTED**"  
Seaside Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m.  
**Seasidefl.com**  
Bring your blankets and join Kermit, Rowlf and the gang for a movie under the stars.

"**THE SANDLOT**"  
Bluewater Bay Golf Resort, Niceville, 6:45 p.m.  
FREE outdoor screening of the beloved family comedy.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

"**THE ADVENTURES OF BUCKAROO BANZAI**"  
Bay County Public Library, Panama City, 5:30 p.m.  
The Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries present the 1984, PG-rated cult classic, along with refreshments.

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The Hub 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 6 p.m.  
**Hub30A.com**  
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# A Conversation with Bruce Collier

By Chris Manson

**You took a little break from the stage, but now it seems you're back for the long haul.**

My last show at the REP at Seaside was *A Beach Home Companion*, which I co-wrote and which was produced in fall of 2014. In 2015, I played Claudius in *Hamlet* at Northwest Florida State College. Then I performed two short scenes at various venues as Winston Churchill and FDR in playwright Nancy Hasty's play *We Were Soldiers Too*.

That was about it until last fall, when Producing Artistic Director Nathanael Fisher cast me in *Bakersfield Mist* at Emerald Coast Theatre Company, with my good friend and theatre comrade Teance Blackburn. That show was performed this past January and February, and I'm told we set a record for ticket sales.

The day I started rehearsals for *Bakersfield*, I got a text from Brook Stetler, Executive Director of the REP at Seaside, asking if I wanted to be in *Big Boys*. I have something else lined up for after that, but I'm not at liberty to discuss it right now.

**Big Boys, opening April 20 at the Seaside REP, is your second two-actor play following Emerald Coast Theatre Company's *Bakersfield Mist* earlier this year. The ECTC show pretty much required you to be on stage for the duration of the play. Is *Big Boys* similar in that respect?**  
I am onstage the entire play. The other character in the play (played by Brook Stetler, who also directs) gets a few seconds off stage here and there.

**Tell us a little about the play.**

Victor Burlington (me) is the Big Boss of a large, prosperous and mysteriously malevolent company. Victor hires Norman Waterbury (Brook) as an executive, then puts him through a psychological boot camp in an effort to mold Norman into his own image as a "Big Boy" of the corporate world. It's theatre of the absurd, and it gets pretty absurd.

**Big Boys is also the title of the late Chuck Berry's new single.**

I expect that Rich Orloff (author of *Big Boys* and many other plays) and Mr. Berry worked that out between them. As somebody-or-other said, there are no coincidences.

**How long have you been performing locally, and what was the first play you did here?**

After 14 years off the stage, I started

doing some local and community theatre in this area in the late 1990s—acting and a little directing. My first paying gig hereabouts was in 2001, *The Fantasticks*, at the newly founded Seaside Repertory Theatre (Craige Hoover, Artistic Director, and Jennifer Steele, Managing Director). I have been performing pretty regularly, at the REP and sometimes Northwest Florida State College, since then.

**What have been some of the highlights of your stage career?**

I will always remember how it felt the first time I got paid for acting—right after my sophomore year in college, when I got \$75 a week to act in summer stock at Wright State University. I received my undergraduate degree in theatre there.

I also worked two seasons at Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) in Anniston, Alabama—1979 and 1981. I toured the Southeastern United States with ASF—52 performances of *Twelfth Night*, a play I used to like.

My biggest thrill was acting in New York (Courtyard Playhouse, Grove Street, Greenwich Village) in *Tarts*, a play that I wrote. I can remember opening night—the weather, what I ate for dinner, and staying up all night closing every bar in lower Manhattan.

**Who are some of the actors and playwrights that inspired you?**

Playwrights—Harold Pinter really gave me a sense of possibilities with his quirky, ambiguous language and characters. I also love Tom Stoppard, and have acquired a taste for David Mamet. I'd love to do something by Aaron Sorkin. Like George Bernard Shaw, he writes for actors who love language and ideas.

I have a lot of favorite "name" actors, but the real inspirations were people I acted with in summer stock and at Alabama Shakespeare Festival. There was a Philadelphia actor I worked with named Charlie Antaloski, who was brilliant at both comedy and drama. I once complained to him about how boring rehearsals could be. "I love rehearsal," he said. "You can try things out, make mistakes, have fun. Once the show is set, you can't do that." So I shut up and started observing really good actors in rehearsal, and learning from them. Every example is useful—good or bad.

**You're married with a young daughter, you write for Beachcomber, and you're the editor of the DeFuniak Herald newspaper. When do you sleep?**



Whenever possible I try to be in bed by 10 p.m. Since my daughter goes to bed around 8, that gives me a few hours to talk with my wife. She has a theatre degree herself, so she understands.

**What do you like to do on those rare occasions when you get some downtime?**

I like to go to movies, listen to jazz, and read. I love history, biography, and books about liquor. I also kind of like restaurants. My family and I enjoy weekend getaways.

**Has your daughter Grace shown any interest in theater? Does she help you run lines—for the new play, I mean, not *Bakersfield Mist*, in which your co-star let the F-bombs fly.**

She takes ballet, and has done some recitals. So far she's not done theatre, but I think that might change. I take her to children's plays, and she's getting curious. I generally run lines by myself. *Big Boys* is too adult for Grace.

**We joined Beachcomber at around the same time. I pretty much begged them to let me write stuff. How did you come on board?**

The late Ritch Brinkley was writing his movie column then, and told me that *Beachcomber* was looking for a restaurant reviewer. I contacted then-editor Leah Stratmann, who gave me a tryout. Jim Patricelli hired me, and I've been eating and writing happily ever since.

**You've been doing the occasional liquor columns for us, and I always learn something. Most of the time, I find a new favorite, too. What's your latest discovery of note?**

I'm always on the trail of cheap-but-good ryes and bourbons, and have come to love George Dickel's Tennessee Rye and Kinsey Pennsylvania Rye. I think Timber Creek and Peaden Brothers distilleries are a true blessing to this area. When Lent ends, I have two new whiskeys to try—Koval Rye from Chicago and Belle Meade Bourbon from Nashville.

**For our readers coming to see *Big Boys*, are there any restaurants around Seaside that you'd recommend as Beachcomber's longtime food critic?**

Before the show, have a drink at Great Southern Cafe or Bud & Alley's or 45 Central Wine Bar. Repeat after the show. If they are open, hit any of the eateries on Airstream Row, in whatever order you like. If you are seeing one of the two matinees, go to Seagrove Village Market Cafe for lunch. Bring me an oyster po' boy—dressed, *no mayo*.

**Big Boys opens Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. and performances will be April 21, 26, 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m., and April 22 and 30 at 2 p.m. All performances will be at the Seaside Meeting Hall Theatre, located at 216 Quincy Circle. For more information or to order tickets, go to [www.lovetherep.com](http://www.lovetherep.com) or call 850-231-0733.**

# Stage > Upcoming Shows

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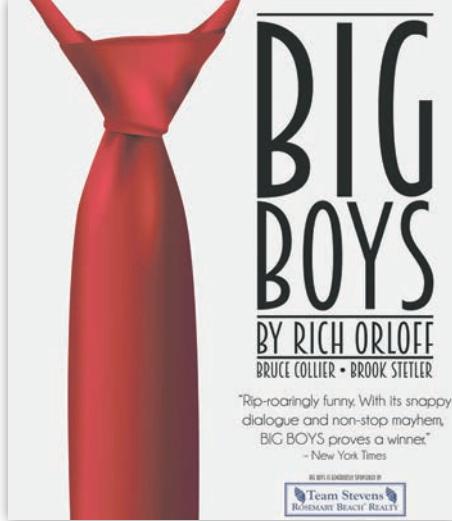
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### RICH ORLOFF'S "BIG BOYS"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.  
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Our own **Bruce Collier** (see "A Conversation with...") co-stars with **Brook Stettler**, who also directed. Orloff's play is an over-the-top comic fable about what men value and what they'll do to get it. Tickets are \$30.

### "STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
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### RICH ORLOFF'S "BIG BOYS"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 2 p.m.  
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### "STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
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## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

### FORT WALTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "INTO THE WOODS"

FWBHS Auditorium, Fort Walton Beach, 2 p.m.  
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### "STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

### RICH ORLOFF'S "BIG BOYS"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.  
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Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
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## THURSDAY, APRIL 27

### RICH ORLOFF'S "BIG BOYS"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.  
[LoveTheREP.com](http://LoveTheREP.com)

### "STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

### DANCE FACETS 2017

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.  
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The annual dance spectacular, featuring original choreographed works by Northwest Florida

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[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29

### DANCE FACETS 2017

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.  
[MattieKellyArtsCenter.org](http://MattieKellyArtsCenter.org)

### RICH ORLOFF'S "BIG BOYS"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.  
[LoveTheREP.com](http://LoveTheREP.com)

### "STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

### RICH ORLOFF'S "BIG BOYS"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 2 p.m.  
[LoveTheREP.com](http://LoveTheREP.com)

### "STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.  
[TheSTOKEDShow.com](http://TheSTOKEDShow.com)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

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# NWF State College's "Sister Act" – Open Auditions May 1

The renowned Fine & Performing Arts Division of Northwest Florida State College will hold open auditions Monday, **May 1**, for the summer musical comedy *Sister Act*.

Auditions will be held in the Sprint Theater at the Mattie Kelly Fine & Performing Arts Center on the college's Niceville campus at 100 College Boulevard. Sign-in is at 6 p.m., with auditions starting at 6:30. The show will be performed July 19-22 on the Mainstage Theater.

The show will cast 18 women's roles and 10 men's roles. Those who audition must be age 16 or older. Each person should come prepared with a 90-second package of 16 bars of music, plus a monologue. Both pieces together shouldn't exceed 90 seconds. The 16 bars may be selected from any musical.

All who audition must bring their own music in the correct key for the college-provided accompanist to play. There will be no *a capella* auditions. If necessary, music should be marked with cuts for the accompanist.

Those who audition should come dressed appropriately for a movement portion to the

audition. Those chosen for the call back portion of the audition will sing selected pieces from the *Sister Act* show, and those pieces will be announced at the audition.

The comedy *Sister Act* is a contemporary Broadway musical based on the hit 1992 film. The uplifting musical is filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing, plenty of laughs and a truly moving story. When a disco diva witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in a convent disguised as a nun. Using her disco moves and singing talent, she inspires the church choir and breathes new life into the community. *Sister Act* is a sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship and gives reason to rejoice.

*Sister Act* will be directed by Joseph Taylor, NWFSC Professor of Dance and Dance Program Coordinator. For information, email [taylorj@nwfsc.edu](mailto:taylorj@nwfsc.edu) or call 850-729-6036.

Tickets for the show go on sale **May 1**, available online at [MattieKellyArtsCenter.org](http://MattieKellyArtsCenter.org), at the box office, or by calling 850-729-6000.

- *Sylvia Bryan*

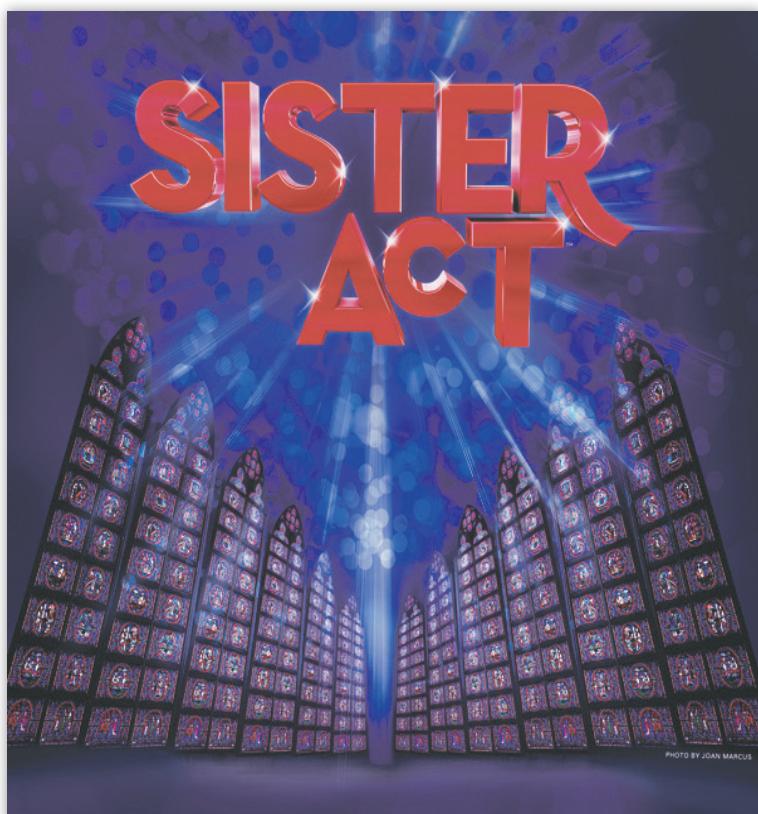


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An advertisement for Camille's restaurant in Destin, FL. The top left features the restaurant's name "Camille's" in a large, elegant script font, with a red rose logo to its left. Below the name, it says "Destin, FL". The main image shows a plate of food, likely seafood, with shrimp, scallops, and vegetables in a sauce. At the bottom, there is text: "Gulf Seafood | Pizza | Steaks | Cocktails | Award Winning Sushi" and "On the corner of Scenic Highway 98 and Hutchinson Street in Crystal Beach | 850-337-8860 | www.camillesatcrystalbeach.com".

# Want a Menu? Look Around... Dining at Whole Foods

**Whole Foods Market** in Destin has been up and running long enough that, if you ever intended to go there, you probably already have. It's a lot of things—green grocery, meat and seafood market, bakery, deli, beer and wine store, cheese shop, coffee and juice bar, and repository of Old and New Age health and beauty-enhancing products. It can also serve as a restaurant—maybe two or three—especially if you have the time to browse and weigh your options.

I ate lunch at Whole Foods on a recent weekday. I was alone, and my plan was to take a long reconnaissance of the prepared foods section—something not practicable when accompanied by my daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner). I'd scope out the options, choose my lunch, eat at the market, then get some takeout for later.

If you've shopped Whole Foods, you know that one side of the typical store is devoted to produce. Around the perimeter are the refrigerator and freezer cabinets, and the meat, seafood and cheese counters. Beer and wine are near the cheese and bakery—naturally. In that same section is a pizza bakery, an informal restaurant called Lucky Catch, and rows of buffet-style tables offering prepared food, generally sold by weight.

There's no menu listing the daily prepared foods, but I'm sure it varies. The day I ate there I had my choice of Home Style (American/Southern), Korean, European, Asian, Indian, assorted soups, chowders and chilis, salads, an olive bar, deli sandwiches both prepared and made to order, pizza, and sushi. Lucky Catch offered sandwiches, burgers, seafood, etc. There are main courses and sides.

Each item is labeled, along with a list of its ingredients. Carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and vegans can browse and find something that fits their dietary regime. Desserts and beverages must be procured elsewhere in the store, but you can't possibly miss either.

It took me some time, and I wanted to be sure I knew the drill. A helpful employee (who was monitoring the temperature of some soup) explained it. You load up your plate (plates, boxes and covers in assorted sizes are prominently placed near the tables), get whatever else you want from the nearby



counters, then take it to the checkout lanes, where your food is weighed and packaged either to go or to eat in-store. Everyone seemed well-versed in his or her job, and I had my lunch packaged and paid for in short order. I've waited longer at McDonald's.

Next step is to find a table. In the front of the store there are four-tops, a long counter with stools for lone diners, and a little room off to the side with comfy chairs and tables (one diner had his laptop set up). There's also a station with napkins, plastic utensil dispensers, and trash bins.

My lunch veered to Korea and the Indian Subcontinent. I had chicken breast palak (a thick, seasoned spinach puree), kimchi rice, Brussels sprouts with a sweet sriracha glaze, and a potato samosa. It was a substantial meal (lots of carbs), very tasty, but I wish the kimchi had been a little spicier. The sprouts had a good, slow-burn heat that I cooled with a jumbo Perrier.

I had arrived just after lunch service started, and I noticed that when I returned to pick out my takeout items that the place was getting busy. There were beach-clad tourists, local business folk, and plenty of military and first responders. I was happy to see a lot of kids being exposed to something other than burger-and-fries lunch options.

I got TD a large slice of cheese pizza, which yielded two portions. For me

and my wife, I got chicken biryani, a Jamaican beef pie, and a cup of lobster chowder. The flaky, hand-held pie was generously spiced with a very respectable heat. The biryani was mild but flavorful—my wife isn't a big fan of ultra-hot food. The thick chowder had a satisfying share of sweet lobster meat, potatoes and onions.

For dessert, we splurged on a carrot cupcake, glazed apricot/almond paste tart, and a guava croissant. The tart made us think of Paris.

Other items available that day were lasagna, meatballs, steak and Guinness stew, stir-fries, baked fish, mashed potatoes, pub sandwiches, cornbread, a multitude of vegetable sides and salad makings. For sweets, there are cookies, muffins, pies, cakes, creme brulees, and lots of other colorful pastries.

If you enjoy crafting a do-it-yourself feast, stop by Whole Foods. They have your whole meal.

**WHOLE FOODS  
MARKET**  
**4402 Legendary Drive  
Destin**  
**850-269-7400**

**Hours:** Open Daily, 11 a.m. to  
Approximately 8 p.m.

Your biggest problem eating at Whole Foods is making up your mind. Choose from a daily assortment of hot prepared foods from the USA and around the world—India, Korea, Asia and Europe. Top it off with beverages, sweets and sides from the market. There are tables and chairs for dining in, or you can take it home. Food is sold by weight and/or item. Beer and wine.

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# The Brass Tap Is Golden

By Joni Williams

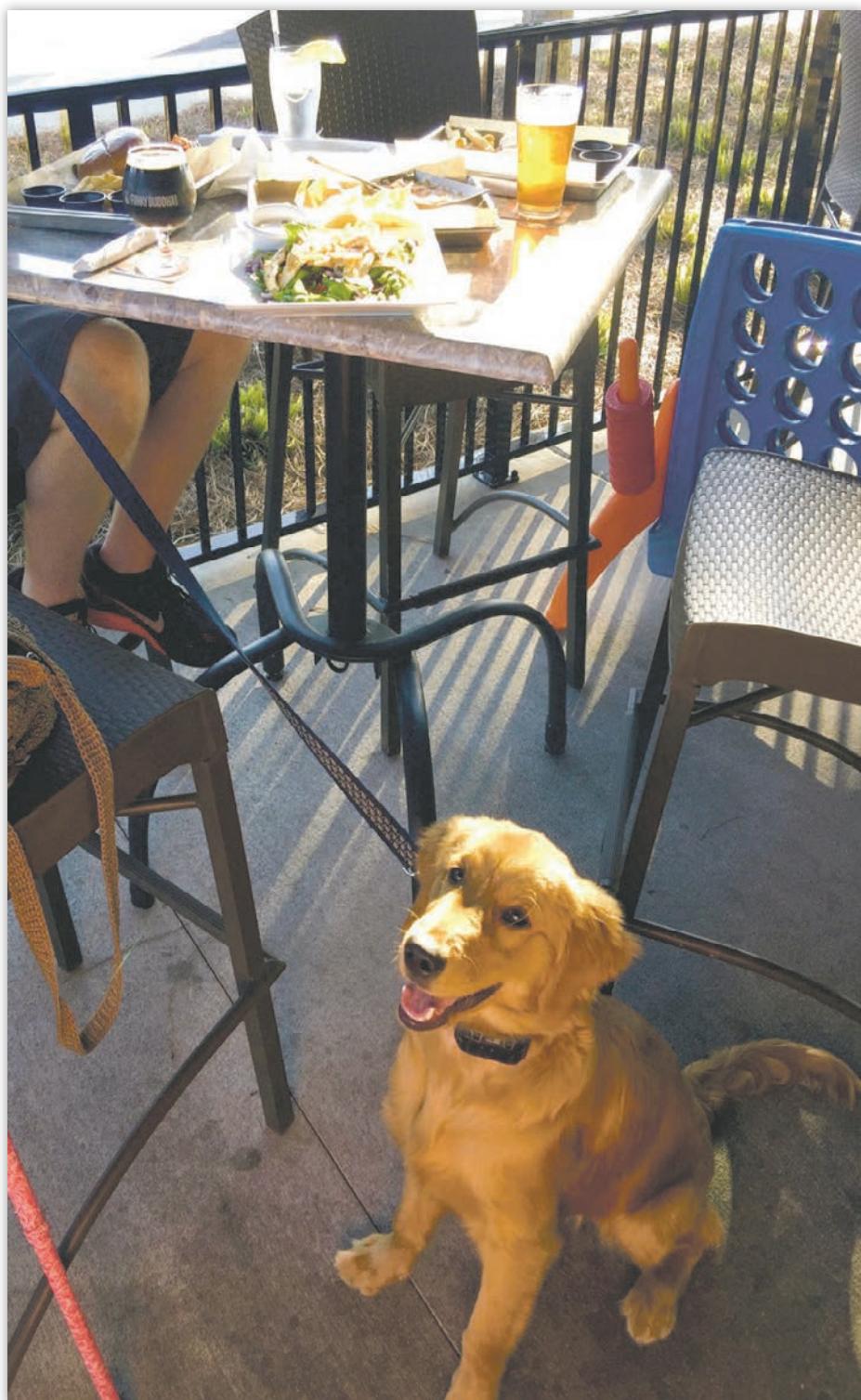
**There's no better** way to spend Spring Break than riding around in a Mercedes Roadster with the top down, even—or maybe, especially—while recovering from major surgery.

Despite being laid up, we managed to hit up some of our fave places we hadn't visited in years, including Schooners and the latest incarnation of J. Michael's. But it was one of the newer places, the **Brass Tap** in Pier Park, that really stole our hearts. With scrumptious eats, a Fido-friendly patio

and over 60 crafts on tap, they had us even before hello.

We weren't disappointed when it came time to order, either. Our brew crew went with one big, fat juicy house specialty burger, a perfectly prepared panini and a crisp and oh-so-fresh Brass Tap teaming with bleu cheese crumbles. Everything arrived quickly, was well prepared and outrageously delicious.

Ditto for our app, the house buffalo dip—it packed some serious heat, just like we like it. The lovely Luna went



with a paw-some, half-pound puppy patty served up human-style on a real glass plate along with a stainless steel bowl filled with water. And when the final tab came, we discovered that bringing a pooch during Sunday evening's "Yappy Hour" fetches a 10 percent discount.

Ordering food here is easy. Beer not so much, only because there are so many tempting selections. Choosing is like being the proverbial kid in a grown-up candy store. The best way to find out what's on tap is to hit their website or app, as the beer list is truly extensive and most excellent — filled with top-of-the-line saisons, porters, ales, darks, lights and everything in between. They even tapped our beloved but incredibly hard-to-find Weihestphaner Dunkel.

But we were so intrigued with a number of new-to-us brews, we skipped it this trip and embarked on a hoppy adventure that began with 21st Amendment's **Blood Orange Brew Free or Die!**

Obviously, we were feeling extremely adventurous because we strongly dislike sweet brews. But—surprise!—we actually enjoyed this IPA. The zing of citrus and the overall natural tasting flavor keep it from being cloyingly sweet. The sweetness also serves to temper its bitterness,

despite a rather hefty 60 IBU rating. If you don't like IPA's signature bite, this is a good one to try.

Since we were already sipping on the wild side, we opted for another sweetie, Funky Buddha's **Maple Bacon Coffee Porter**. Appropriately enough, it was served up in a snifter because if you get this beer, you have to give it a sniff. The maple bacon aroma is better than the air at the Waffle House on a busy Sunday Morning.

And the flavor? Sweet but not too sweet, yet dark and rich with robust flavor. Not into brews? After finishing our round with a Moscow Mule, we can heartily recommend the fully stocked bar. The Mule was served our favorite way, in a chilly copper cup. And even though it was packing a generous wallop of Absolut, it was priced at only six bucks.

Most of the brews here are between five and seven dollars, but max out at \$10. Likewise, sandwich and burger platters are about \$10. They also have daily Happy Hour and other specials, like two-dollar tacos on Tuesdays, along with Jamah Terry performing from 6 to 9 p.m.

Our server was fast, efficient and one of the friendliest we've encountered in the area—to us as well as our pup.

# Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com)!

## AMERICAN

**CALLAHAN'S** A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. [www.callahansdestin.com](http://www.callahansdestin.com). [www.facebook.com/callahansdestin](http://www.facebook.com/callahansdestin).

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, then the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. [www.CharliesBurgerBar.com](http://www.CharliesBurgerBar.com).

**HOOTERS** Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. [hootersonline.com](http://hootersonline.com).

## ASIAN

**LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE** Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

## BARBEQUE

**LILLIE'S Q** Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

## BREAKFAST & MORE

**ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ** is the Emerald Coast's premier breakfast, brunch and lunch destination. Sip on one of our award-winning, house infused Bloody Marys while you dine on breakfast classics, memorable brunch dishes or lunchtime favorites. Grand Boulevard – 755 Grand Boulevard, Suite B-107, Miramar Beach, 850-424-3416. Sandestin – 9100 Baytowne Wharf Boulevard, Suite A-4, 850-622-2050. [www.anotherbrokenegg.com](http://www.anotherbrokenegg.com).

**ASIAGO'S SKILLET** There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for

everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. [www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet](http://www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet).

**BLUE COLLAR CAFE** Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

**CAMILLE'S CAFE** Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

**THE DONUT HOLE** Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

**THE DONUT HOLE** 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

**THE DONUT HOLE** 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

**THE LOCAL MARKET** Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

**THE PANCAKERY** Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

**TOMMY MATTONIE'S** Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedict and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. [www.tommymattonies.com](http://www.tommymattonies.com).

## BURGERS

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

## CASUAL DINING

**FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – DESTIN** Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food,

live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at [www.fudpucker.com](http://www.fudpucker.com).

**HOG'S BREATH CAFE** A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" [www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin).

## CATERING

**BIG RED TRUCK** Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. [www.destinfoodtrucks.com](http://www.destinfoodtrucks.com).

## COFFEE SHOPS

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## CONTEMPORARY

**BUD & ALLEY'S** This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

**LOUIS LOUIS** Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

## ECLECTIC

**CAFÉ THIRTY-A** Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

**THE RED BAR** The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](http://www.theredbar.com).

**VIN'TIJ** Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and atmosphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

## FOOD TRUCKS

**BIG RED TRUCK** Gulf to table certified seafood, fresh fish tacos, high end comfort food on the move. We specialize in private events and full service catering. Daily specials and locations on Facebook. 850-737-1185. [www.destinfoodtrucks.com](http://www.destinfoodtrucks.com).

## GERMAN/AMERICAN

**FOKKERS PUB** German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

## HEALTHY DINING

**GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH** Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, [georgesatalysbeach.net](http://georgesatalysbeach.net).

## IRISH

**JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S** Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4-21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. [www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com](http://www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com).

## ITALIAN

**TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO** Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

## LATIN / MEXICAN

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA** Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great

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selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. [www.CrabIslandCantina.com](http://www.CrabIslandCantina.com).

**LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR** Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, [lacocina30a.net](http://lacocina30a.net).

**LA PAZ** offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. [www.lapazdestin.com](http://www.lapazdestin.com).

**PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL** An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. [www.mypepitost.com](http://www.mypepitost.com).

## PIZZA & PASTA

**CRUST PIZZERIA** We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for

you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. [destincrustpizzeria.com](http://destincrustpizzeria.com).

**CRUST PIZZERIA** Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

**CRUST PIZZERIA** Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

**LANDSHARK'S PIZZA** Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. [www.LandsharksPizza.com](http://www.LandsharksPizza.com).

**MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY** Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

**REDBRICK PIZZA** Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, phazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## SEAFOOD

**THE BACK PORCH** Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. [www.theback-porch.com](http://www.theback-porch.com). 850-837-2022.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF** A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the

kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

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# Tuesday Night Trivia in Niceville



NICEVILLE'S GOT TRIVIA... Kathy and Jack Harcourt with Scott, Samantha and Alex Lambert.

By Samantha Lambert

**Can you name** the top five bestselling albums of 2016 in order? Do you know the name of the only U.S. president who was a bachelor? The exact number of James Bond movies that have been made? Do you know how many Super Bowls the San Francisco 49ers have won?

If you can answer all the above without Googling the answers, come out and test your knowledge at **Helen Back Again** in Niceville at their Tuesday Trivia Night.

Helen Back has five locations (so far) in Northwest Florida. The sports bar and pizza destination is the brainchild of **Chris Sehman**, a native of Maryland who came to the Emerald Coast 25 years ago and opened the first Helen Back location on Okaloosa Island in December 2000.

At the time, Sehman was running another restaurant-bar and struggling to manage two places at the same time. After working 18 days in a row, he said to himself, "I have been to hell and back." Shortly after that, he heard Lance Armstrong on sports radio

talking about the Tour de France and having been "to hell and back" while competing in the race.

"It was a light bulb moment," says Sehman. "That's how the name Helen Back came about, and it caught on quickly." He subsequently closed that other place.

In 2013, he took over a building on John Sims Parkway in Niceville that formerly housed a Mexican restaurant. After demolishing and redesigning the interior, Sehman opened Helen Back Again in September 2013.

Trivia Night started in December 2016. Guests can play as a team or alone. There are six rounds of trivia, with halftime and end-of-game major questions. First, second and third place prizes are given to the winners. You can usually find 40 to 50 people there most Tuesdays and at least eight teams playing.

"Business is awesome on Tuesday nights," says assistant manager **Chloe Sampley**, a native of Niceville. "Trivia Night really pumps up the crowd. There is a mix of college students, middle-aged and older (people) playing trivia. It's steadily growing."

**Joni and Brent Snyder** of Niceville are Trivia Night regulars. "I really like the food especially the pizza and the holi bolis," says Joni. "Trivia Night is a good way to get together with friends and make new friends."

"The salads are really good too," adds Brent.

Kathy and Jack Harcourt from Virginia Beach, Virginia, came out to Trivia Night weekly while spending the month of March in Destin. They really enjoyed playing trivia, as well as Helen Back's food. They even came in third place one night while playing with the Lambert family of Fort Walton Beach.

Tuesday is also "Guys Night," with \$10 sausage pizzas and \$2 select draft beers for the fellas from 7 to 10 p.m. The restaurant is also a strong supporter of the local military—the bar at the Niceville location is dedicated to the EOD.

Helen Back Again is located at 1128 John Sims Parkway in Niceville and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

# Fritz



Photo by John Henderson. Thanks to Brandon Day for sharing.

"Fritz was one of those people you meet that becomes an instant friend. One of the funniest people I have ever met. A genuinely kind soul that always put others ahead of himself. Those who knew him will all say they were blessed to have him as a friend. He will never be forgotten."

- Brandon Day

**To me,** he was and always will be just Fritz. Only recently did I learn he had a proper last name, and it wasn't "The Bartender."

Fritz lost his battle with cancer on Friday, April 14.

I didn't know Fritz nearly as well as some of the folks that frequented the Swizzle Stick Lounge on Okaloosa Island, where he tended bar for as long as I can remember. But he always knew my drink, treated me and my friends like family, and made me want to take up residence there and become a full-on barfly.

I don't remember the first time I met him or the last time I saw him, just all those moments in between. And they were all good.

Chris Hayes, a very close friend of Fritz's, informs me that a celebration of the man's life is set for Thursday, **April 27**, from noon to 3 p.m. on the beach behind the Best Western on Okaloosa Island.

A reception will follow at the Swizzle Stick, appropriately enough.

- Chris Manson

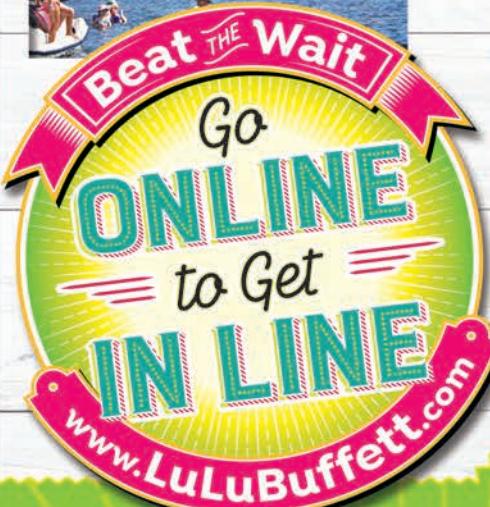
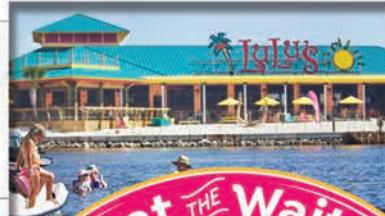
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# American Singers

By Sean Dietrich

We played music for a nursing home. It was a sterile room with fluorescent lights and a funny smell. People kept asking our guitar player to turn up the volume.

That was a first.

It bears mentioning. We have taken the stage in some ugly places.

We've played for motorcyclists with names like, "Bruiser," "Snake Eyes," and "Ernie."

We've played clogging dances, barroom weddings, family reunions, 60th birthday parties, crawfish boils, car dealership sales, shoe stores, one bar mitzvah.

This was our first nursing home.

So we chose songs the radios quit broadcasting around the time of Harry Truman. Our crowd of white-hairs gave an enthusiastic applause that was as loud as an oscillating fan.

One woman asked if we knew "Keep on the Sunny Side." Another asked for "Dixie." We had three requests for "O When the Saints Go Marching In." One for "Viva Las Vegas."

A man named Benny—suspenders and hearing-aids—asked for "I Saw the Light."

We played it quiet and slow; he sang all four verses with his eyes shut. Blessings of higher value I have not received.

There was a lady who called me Danny and kept asking, "Did you find my Curly?"

I answered, "No ma'am, I didn't."

"Well, did you even go *look*?"

High and low, ma'am.

I met a man who played trumpet. He was half black, half white. Skin like caramel. They tell me he's got some stories.

Midway through our medley, one of the nurses asked us to play "America the Beautiful."

"They like American songs," she said.

We started the tune, but never got to sing a word of it. The room beat us to the punch.

A man in back stood. He wore an orange cap with a blue "AU" on it.

The rest stood with him, their voices weak but sincere. They sang about Purple Mountains Majesty and Fruited Plains while the band kept steady time.

These people are my friends. My neighbors. These are not elderly patients. They are men and women every bit as important as those who wear younger skin.

These are hometown folks from various lifestyles. People who the world has more or less forgotten. But, by God, they're still here.

There are former bankers, grocers, peanut farmers and battleship sailors. Women who birthed families, mamas who kept backyard gardens.

And when we finished singing, the man in the orange hat approached me. His head and arms shook. He could hardly stand still from Parkinson's.

He said, "My son used to play the guitar." It took all he had to pat my shoulder. "I wish I'd gone to hear him play before he died."

I pumped his hand. He had a remarkably strong grip for someone in his condition.

"Will y'all stay for lunch?" he asked. "Any American is a friend of mine."

Well sir.

That makes two of us.

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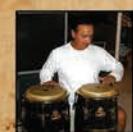
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